A dizzying myriad of factors contributes to public health. Some are obvious: diet, exercise, health-care accessibility. Some are not. Scott Burris, Professor of Law at Temple, has made an international name for himself by exploring one of those hidden factors: the role of the police and law enforcement.

"From the minute a police officer runs into a mentally ill or drug-dependent person on the street—or a person who's just suffered domestic or any other kind of violence—he's facing a person with a health problem, and what he does affects how the health problem unfolds in the future," he says. "How police handle these incidents, we hope, reduces the chance of people suffering those kinds of harms in the future. Too often police are unaware of health issues, and the effects they have are negative."

The strongest example of the police inadvertently creating health risks, Burris says, is its emphasis on arresting drug users, a practice that compels users to consume drugs furtively, quickly and, most important, unhygienically. They use old needles, for instance, and fail to clean injection sites adequately. Burris notes that diabetics can spend a lifetime linked to the community it has been established to serve.

"I don't think the police are trying to spread disease, but it's a prime example of how policing can have unintended health consequences," he says.

Another "police effect": a drug user in the presence of someone who has overdosed may not call 911 to get help for fear that he will be arrested when the authorities arrive on the scene. Drug overdose is one of the fastest-growing causes of death in the United States.

"Police don't often arrest people who try to get help, but the perception is out there," Burris says. "So there's an opportunity for the police to change that perception."

Burris's current project takes the concept of the law's effect on public health and elevates it to a grander level. He is spending this semester as a Fulbright Scholar in South Africa, where he is working with the Institute for Criminology at the University of Cape Town School of Law on the question of governance. "Governance is about how societies manage the course of events. We want efficiency and good results—like a high level of public health. But we also want justice—a decent level of health for everyone."

What lies Burris's research into the work being done by what he calls the "very creative criminologists" at Cape Town is the role of the police, a classic example of a municipal-level institution that can be very tightly—or very loosely—connected to the community it has been established to serve. The police's specific mission is law enforcement, but as the examples Burris cites demonstrate, there are unanticipated permutations of that stated role. The chance to collaborate with leading scholars who study effective policing practices is reflective of Burris's longstanding interest in supplementing legal and regulatory solutions to pressing health challenges such as infectious and chronic diseases, and health emergencies such as floods, bioterrorism and epidemics.
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A trip to the law library revealed that no one had written about that aspect of public health law in nearly a century. Burr's subsequent paper, written when he was a 1L at Yale, was the first on AIDS and the law to appear in a major law review. In his second and third years, he edited AIDS and the Law: A Guide for the Public (Yale University Press, 1987), the first systematic legal analysis of HIV in the United States.

"By the time I graduated from law school, I was really well established in the field," he says, "because no one else was doing it.

Burr spent several years lobbying and litigating on behalf of people with HIV as an attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union. Since joining the Temple faculty in 1991, he has concentrated his research on how law influences public health and health behavior. The most recent example of this scholarship was an influential commentary Burris copublished last August in the Journal of the American Medical Association arguing that criminal punishment for exposure to or transmission of HIV does nothing to reduce the spread of AIDS; rather, he and his coauthor wrote, it increases the stigma of HIV and drives people away from accessing care, while disproportionately harming women and other vulnerable groups who are unable to disclose their HIV status to partners for fear of violence.

The JAMA commentary was published while UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, was debating how strong a position to take on the issue at a meeting in Geneva. Shortly after the piece came out, the organization adopted a position similar to what Burris and his coauthor had advocated.

"I was happy—it had an effect," he says. "There's still a huge battle ahead, because so many countries have established laws and so many more are considering them. It's very hard to fight that battle in country after country, but at least the key players have staked out their position about which is right. The effort will have to be to convince every country to adopt that position."

That effort, of course, is part of Burr's larger research outlook. An enormous advantage of his position at Temple, he says, is that through the Beasley Chair (which he held from 2004 to 2007) and as a current Fulbright Fellow, he can allow his work to follow a creative path. This includes collaborating with scholars from other disciplines and exploring areas he typically would not be able to get to.

"I'm actually trying to read things I wouldn't ordinarily read and trying to have conversations with people and enjoy the time to talk," Burr says. "In Cape Town, particularly, one of my favorite ways of working is to walk and talk. There are mountains within minutes of my office. I had a wandering conversation earlier this week with a law school colleague about a new way of measuring police talk. There are mountains within minutes of my office."

"How do you use satellite imagery to help define neighborhoods and overlay geographic information system crime data so that it tells you where you should be putting your police resources?" he asks. "There are so many connections to health, because health is very spatial. It varies tremendously by neighborhood. Class and wealth are huge determinants of health. You have a very different picture of health if you look at Philadelphia versus if you look at neighborhoods in Philadelphia. There's a lot of variation.

Ultimately, Burr hopes his work—in South Africa and Philadelphia—fosters the establishment of societal structures that lead to healthier people. Our elected and appointed leaders play an enormously important role in that effort.

"I'm very interested in how organizations at a community level can contribute to health," he says, "and how the community that has effective, vibrant governmental organizations tends to be a healthier place than a community where people can't get organizations to deal with their local problems. Good governance is crucial to healthy communities."

—Thomas W. Durso
PROFESSOR STUDIES ‘CAUSATION’

With support from the Abe Fellowship, Salil Mehra studies the difference between Asian and Western perception of the cause of accidents—by looking at viewers’ responses to cartoons.

JANUARY 2009  Professor Salil K. Mehra has been awarded a prestigious Abe Fellowship by the Social Science Research Council and the Japan Foundation. The fellowship is a central component of the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, which was established in 1991 through the efforts of Shintaro Abe, former Japanese minister of foreign affairs.

Mehra, who teaches antitrust and Japanese law, will explore Asian and Western perceptions of cause and effect through the unique lens of viewers’ responses to cartoons based on tort cases. “Legal scholars have tended to think that people treat causation the same way in the U.S. and Japan, but some psychologists have put forth a theory that Westerners, particularly Americans, are more likely to lay blame for an accident at the feet of a single cause or person,” says Mehra, who performs comparative law research involving antitrust and intellectual property. “I’m going to explore the implications of these two theories of causation with respect to accidents and law.”

JOHN MILLS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GHANA

JANUARY 2009  A former visiting professor of law at Temple, John Evans Atta Mills, is the new president of the Republic of Ghana. Mills, a member of National Democratic Congress, defeated Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, of New Patriotic Party, to become the President of Ghana. This was Mills’ third try at the top office; he had run unsuccessfully in both 2000 and 2004.

Born in Ghana in 1944, Mills studied law at the University of Ghana and went on to the London School of Economics and Political Science where he received an LL.M. in 1968. He later earned a Ph.D. from the University of London and was a Fulbright Scholar at Stanford in 1971. Mills began teaching law at the University of Ghana in 1971, where he remained until 1992. During the 1970s, Temple Law ran an active exchange program with the University of Ghana in 1971, where he remained until 1992. During the 1970s, Temple Law ran an active exchange program with the University of Ghana, co-directed by Professor Mills. Mills twice came to Philadelphia as a visiting professor, in 1978-79 and 1986-1987.

“John Mills is one example of why international programs we established in the 1970’s made sense,” says Professor Mills’ third try at the top office; he had run unsuccessfully in both 2000 and 2004. Born in Ghana in 1944, Mills studied law at the University of Ghana and went on to the London School of

CONFERENCE ASSESSES TEMPLE’S IMPACT IN CHINA

OCTOBER 2008  Temple Law and the National Judicial College of the Supreme People’s Court of China hosted the first Judicial Education Program Assessment Conference in Taizhou, a city in the Jiangsu Province of China. The conference was organized to assess the impact of Temple’s judicial training program on the rule of law in China. Chinese judges who had previously participated in Temple’s judicial education programs were invited to share how their training has benefited their work. Temple has been conducting judicial training initiatives since 2002 with support from the Alcoa Foundation.

1957  E. Harris Baum, honorary consul general of the Republic of Korea, was honored at the annual Men of Distinction reception, sponsored by Philadelphia Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds-Brown. Baum is also a co-founder of the Philadelphia-based firm Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schauer Todd.

1961  Edwin J. Berkowitz, chair of a third-generation family business in Pedricktown, NJ, has been named the 2009 Entrepreneur-in-Residence for the Rutgers Family Business Institute by the Rutgers Institute for Management and Executive Development. Berkowitz is chair of JE Berkowitz, an architectural glass manufacturer.

1972  Arthur Bachman, a senior partner of Blank Rome, has been elected president of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries Benefits Council of Delaware Valley.
3RD CIRCUIT'S CHIEF JUDGE ATTAINS NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Shannon P. Duffy
U.S. Courthouse Correspondent

Being chief judge of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is already a pretty good job, but 2008 proved to be an especially good year for Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica. In May, Scirica was tapped to chair the powerful executive committee of the Judicial Conference, the policy-setting arm of the federal courts. And just a few weeks later, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. turned to Scirica again when he needed someone to head up the probe of 9th Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski stemming from reports of sexually explicit images on a Website operated by Kozinski’s family.

But Scirica’s fondest memories of 2008 probably came in November when former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor joined the 3rd Circuit as a visiting judge to hear four oral arguments on a panel with Scirica and Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

Scirica was also the author of two of the 3rd Circuit’s most notable opinions in 2008. In March, he overturned the death sentence of Mumia Abu-Jamal, but upheld his conviction for the murder of police Officer Daniel Faulkner. In July, he overturned fines imposed by the FCC over the infamous ‘wardrobe malfunction’ at the 2004 Super Bowl in which singer Janet Jackson’s breast was exposed for a split second.

Looking over the headlines from 2008, the judges of the 3rd Circuit tackled new issues in the areas of prayer in school, food safety, drug products liability, political protest, expert witnesses and the rights of the media, a private cause of action under the NCLB.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Judge Scirica is a member and former chair of the law school’s board of visitors and currently serves on Temple University’s board of trustees.

1974
FRANK D. ALLEN was presented the Trial Bar Award by the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey. Allen is a partner at Archer & Greiner, in Haddonfield, NJ, and chair of the law firm’s medical and personal injury services department.

1976
Classesmate LOIS HAGARTY and CATHERINE STRAUSS proudly announce the marriage of their children MATT HAGARTY ’06 and Liz Strauss. Matt is also the grandson of Temple Law alum DANIEL SHERMAN ’43.

1977
Duane Morris has added ALEXANDER “LEX” BONO as a partner in its trial practice group in the firm’s Philadelphia office. Previously, Bono held leadership positions in two large Philadelphia law firms and served as general counsel of Commerce Bancorp.

ARLINE JOLLES LOTMAN is teaching as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University in the Center for the Study of Sex Differences in Health, Aging and Disease at Georgetown University Medical Center. Lotman previously served as executive director of the Pennsylvania governor’s commission on the status of women.

1981
CAROL DI BATTISTE is the new senior vice president of privacy, security, compliance, and government affairs for LexisNexis, where her work includes oversight of security policies and programs, including managing internal security compliance and investigations.

1983
GLENNA M. HAZELTINE has joined King, Spay, Herman, Freund & Faul in Bethlehem, PA, where she will practice in the firm’s education and special education law areas. For more than 15 years she was assistant general counsel, administrator of operations and administrator of compliance for the Partnership Schools in Philadelphia. Hazeltine also teaches education and special education law at Villanova University as an adjunct professor.

1985
ALEXANDER R. FERRANTE has been named partner in Gold and Ferrante. With his partner Alan Gold, Ferrante spoke at a seminar in Dallas on prisoner litigation in the U.S. and the constitutional right to medical care.

JAMES J. KOZUCH, a shareholder in the intellectual property firm of Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, addressed members of the Lehigh County Bar Association on the topic of intellectual property law.

ROSEANN B. TERMINI presented a program titled: “Who REALLY Regulates Your Pizza and Where is Your Beef?” at the Food Labels Consumer Right to Know, Public Policy and Profit Conference sponsored by St. Joseph’s University and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

1987
STEVEN LOWSON has been promoted at Sequa Corporation to the role of general counsel and corporate secretary. Lowson joined Sequa in 1995 and has been vice president and senior associate general counsel since 2001.

THE JOEY POZZOULO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WAS PRESENTED BY JOSEPH POZZOULO ’75 TO SARA STEINBERGER. JOINING THEM ARE MEMBERS OF THE POZZOULO FAMILY.

LAW SCHOOL HOSTS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

NOVEMBER 2008
Fifty-four endowed scholarships were awarded at this year’s scholarship reception. Joining Dean JoAnne A. Epps at the annual event honoring scholarship recipients are (from left) former deans Robert J. Reinstein, Peter J. Liacouras, and Carl Singley ’72.

THE HON. NELSON A. DIAZ, a Cozen O’Connor member, has been elected to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association. Diaz is also a member of the board of directors of Exelon Corporation, serves on the executive committee of Temple University, is co-chair of the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, and is a member of the Philadelphia Children’s Commission.

HON. DIANE WEISS SIGMUND was honored at a reception hosted by the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference in January 2009. Sigmund is stepping down after 15 years on the bench. Sigmund was the first woman selected to serve on the bankruptcy court bench in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
1988
MARIE KILLIAN was recently named director of health and productivity management at Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company. Killian previously served as integrated health and productivity management practice leader for Trion, an employee benefits consulting firm.

CARMEN M. LINEBERGER, J.D. ’88, L.L.M. ’98, was elected president of the National Black Prosecutors Association at the organization’s 25th anniversary conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Lineberger is an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

1989
NANCY CONRAD, a partner in White and Williams’ commercial litigation department, has been named chair of the labor and employment practice group.

1990
PAUL D. BRANDES was recently appointed to be an investigator in the investigative division of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s commission on judicial selection and retention. Brandes is an equity partner at Villari, Brandes & Kline.

KENNETH LEVINE, a founding partner of Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst, has been named vice president of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals for a two-year term. Levine chairs the recovery group at his firm.

MARK SHEM is president-elect for 2009 for the Santa Clara County Bar Association, based in San Jose, CA.

1991
JUD AARON, a shareholder at Conrad O’Brien, was a featured speaker at a CLE program sponsored by the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel. His presentation was entitled “Are You Ready for the Friday Afternoon S.E.C. or D.O.J. Subpoena?”

1992
SCOTT COOPER, a partner at Blank Rome and the chancellor-elect of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been appointed to the Moorestown Township, NJ, recreation advisory committee. He is also on the township’s ethics board. At Blank Rome, Cooper is a partner in the employment, benefits and labor group.

ANTHONY FEBBO and wife ANITA MELLONE ’90 have moved to central Texas with their four children. Febbo is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and a deputy staff judge advocate.

“He is the quintessential professional” and “a highly successful Temple Law graduate who doesn’t forget his roots.”

That’s how Jeffrey P. Scarpello ’88, president of the Temple Law Alumni Association, describes Abraham C. Reich, who will receive the law school’s Certificate of Honor at this year’s Founder’s Day celebration. Reich has earned this honor through a career marked by service to the legal profession and ongoing commitment to the law school.

Given Reich’s distinguished legal career, it is rather ironic that the law was not his original calling. As a senior at the University of Connecticut, Reich—the son of Holocaust survivors and the first in his family to graduate from college—planned for a career in psychology and spent his time working in the primate lab. Watching dismally as psychology graduate students failed to find employment during an economic downturn, Reich, discouraged but pragmatic, considered his options. After being repeatedly told that he would make a good lawyer, he ultimately applied to Temple Law School, along with his girlfriend, Sherri Engelman ’74, a native Philadelphian.

By the time the couple arrived at Temple in the fall, they were not only classmates, but also husband and wife. As it turned out, abandoning the primate lab for the law library was the right career move. Reich excelled in law school, earning himself a seat on the Temple Law Review. “Temple Law School provided Sherri and me with a very strong legal foundation,” says Reich, “and with a public interest perception of what lawyers should be doing.”

Equipped with that “legal foundation,” Reich joined the law firm of Fox Rothschild after graduation in 1974. Now, more than thirty years later, he is a partner and co-chair of the firm. His practice encompasses all aspects of business litigation, including antitrust, securities, trade secrets, intellectual property, and other corporate matters, as well as alternative dispute resolution. As a true “lawyer’s lawyer,” Reich also represents lawyers and law firms in ethics and professional responsibility matters and serves as an expert witness on these issues.

Reich recognized the importance of legal ethics and professional responsibility early in his career. In the late 1970’s, he saw the need to “raise sensitivity to these issues” and responded by joining, and ultimately chairing, both the Professional Guidance Committee and the Professional Responsibility Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Reich has also lectured and written prolifically on these topics throughout his career. In fact, he has appeared as a guest lecturer on legal ethics at the law school, and he even did a stint as a visiting professor at the Temple campus in Rome, where he co-taught a course on international civil litigation with his close friend and former classmate Joseph W. Anthony ’74. The course naturally included a component on comparative legal ethics and professional responsibility. Reflecting back on this opportunity, Reich describes it as “a wonderful professional experience.”

In addition to educating students and colleagues in legal ethics, Reich has been committed to serving the legal community through his leadership within the bar. In 1995, for example, he was chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is also a longtime member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board, and a member of the House of Delegates of both the American Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Reich was also appointed by then Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter to the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which he chaired in 1998. While on this committee, he served on the Third Circuit Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts.

In 2007, the Philadelphia Bar Association recognized Reich’s extensive history of service by honoring him with the Wachovia Fidelity Award, presented annually for “significant accomplishments in improving the administration of justice (preferably in Philadelphia).” In support of Reich’s nomination for that award, Dean JoAnne A. Epps wrote: “He has worked tirelessly toward the pursuit of justice and has done so without any expectation of reward. Presenting the Fidelity Award to Abe would be a fitting way for the Philadelphia Bar to express our collective gratitude.”

Despite his active practice and ongoing service to the bar, “Abe has always been a part of the Temple family,” says Louis Thompson, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs. Sharing this sentiment, Dean Epps describes Reich as “the kind of alumnus that every

ROBERTA WEST ’89, LEAP DIRECTOR AND SCOTT SIGMAN ’01, CHAIR OF THE PBA YOUNG LAWYER’S DIVISION

'YES WE CAMP' NOVEMBER 2008

Three days prior to the 2008 presidential election, Temple Legal Education and Participation (LEAP) conducted a lively, intensive one-day training camp where students learned the fundamentals of trial advocacy. Temple-LEAP’s mission is to educate non-lawyers, particularly middle and high school students from Philadelphia area schools, about the law and citizenship.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

ABRAHAM C. REICH 74 TO RECEIVE AWARD at Founder’s Day Celebration

SHERRI AND ABE ’74 REICH, JUNE 2008

JUSTICE MIDGE RENDELL (LEFT), HONORARY CHAIR OF THE 2010 NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION, WITH LEAP SUPPORTER CAROL GREEN, WHOSE HUSBAND JUDGE CLIFFORD SCOTT GREEN HELPED FOUND THE PROGRAM
KAMAL JAFARIA has been named executive vice president and chief compliance officer of Realty Capital Securities, and senior vice president of American Realty Capital. He is also earning an LLM in Securities and Finance Regulation at the Georgetown University Law Center.

MICHAEL NELSON, the chair of Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst, has accepted a position as a member of The Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair Education Foundation audit committee.

MATTHEW TAYLOR WILKOV, a partner at Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Wilkov serves on the commander’s staff of the 153rd Legal Support Organization based in Norristown, PA. Wilkov practices in the areas of personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice, criminal defense, business litigation, and military/veterans law.

1994
CAROLE B. SHEFFIELD is one of 22 Reed Smith attorneys promoted to partnership. Sheffield is resident in the Philadelphia office, where she concentrates her practice on planning, litigation, administration, and taxation of trusts and estates.

1996
White and Williams has admitted WILLIAM C. HUSSEY to partnership at the firm. Hussey is a partner in the tax and estates group of the business department.

JOSEPH H. MELZER has been named partner at Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, formerly known as Schiffman Barroway Topaz & Kessler. Meltzer leads the firm’s ERISA litigation department, and also manages the antitrust and consumer protection practice groups.

1998
BRIAN MARRIOTT has started his own litigation practice in Huntingdon Valley, PA.

1997

THE FRIEL/SCANLAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1989, Scanlan established the Friel/Scanlan Scholarship Fund, awarded annually to a faculty member for excellence in scholarship. The selected professor has the opportunity to present the scholarship for which they are being honored at the annual Friel/Scanlan Lecture. The scholarship fund is one of the first in the nation to provide grants to law faculty engaged in the research and preparation of books, articles and other scholarly works.

“I will always be grateful to Frank for endowing the Friel/Scanlan award. When he established that award, the law school was just beginning to appreciate the importance of producing legal scholarship. His gift has done more than any other to encourage faculty productivity over the years,” says Friel/Scanlan recipient Professor Mark Rahdert.

Professor Jane Baron, who received the award in 2007, agrees: “Frank Scanlan was a path-breaker among our alums in directing attention to—and materially supporting—scholarship at Temple Law School.”

Professor Amy Sinden is this year’s recipient of the Friel/Scanlan Scholarship Award. Previous recipients are Professors Nancy J. Krauer, Jeffrey L. Dunoff, Scott Burnis, William J. Woodward Jr., David Kairys, Amelia H. Boss, Frank M. McClellan, Laura E. Little, Henry J. Richardson III, Richard B. Cappalli, Edward Ohlbaum, Michael J. Libonati, Jane Baron, and Mark Rahdert.

FRANCIS A. SCANLAN ’50

1914 – 2009

JANUARY 2009 Francis A. Scanlan, 85, practiced maritime law for more than 50 years after earning a law degree at Temple in 1950. He also taught admiralty law at Temple as an adjunct professor for more than 20 years and lectured at Temple’s programs in Athens and Rome.

Scanlan began his legal career clerking for a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court judge. He next went to work with Philadelphia maritime lawyer Robert G. Kelly, eventually becoming a partner with Kelly’s firm, and later at the firm of Deasey, Scanlan & Bender in Philadelphia. In 1986, he established the firm Scanlan & Scanlan with his son, Francis X. Scanlan Jr. For more than 40 years, as chief counsel for the Philadelphia Marine Trade Association, Scanlan played a key role in negotiating labor practices in the areas of personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice, criminal defense, business litigation, and military/veterans law.

Temple Grads Rise to NYC Bench

One-half of newly-assigned civil court judges are Temple grads.

In what is surely an historical event, three out of the six new judges assigned to civil court in New York City were Temple Law School graduates: Judge Cheree A. Buggs ’86, Judge Carmen R. Velasquez ’87 and Judge Lisa S. Ottley. (Parka) Ottley ’96. Buggs was elected to the civil court bench in New York in 2007 and presided in family court in Queens County for one year. This year she was reassigned to civil court, again in Queens County. Velasquez and Ottley were elected more recently, in 2008. The first Ecuadorian in the U.S. to become a judge, Velasquez sits on the civil court in Queens County. Ottley is currently presiding in Kings County civil court. Another Temple Law alumna serving as a judge in New York City is Mary Ann Briganti-Hughes ’85, a Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County.

WILLIAM C. YOUNGBLOOD, a partner in the intellectual property law firm of Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokolow, was on a panel of patent attorneys from around the country who conducted a “mock trial” of issues faced by patent litigators under the Hatch-Waxman Paragraph IV disputes.

2000

DAVID E. CHECK has been named a partner at Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, formerly known as Schiffman Barroway Topaz & Kessler. Check concentrates his practice in the areas of securities litigation and institutional investor relations.

HERB PINDER, the editorial page editor of the Journal News in suburban New York City, has received the New York State Associated Press Association’s first-place award for editorial writing in 2008. Pinder wrote a series of opinion pieces on the fatal, mistaken-identity shooting by police of a black, plainclothes police officer in White Plains.

2001

SCOTT ESTERBROOK of Wyomissing, PA., has been promoted to partner at Reed Smith. Esterbrook practices in the areas of commercial finance, restructuring and bankruptcy law.

IAN NOVICH has been named counsel at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge. Novich is a member of the litigation management department and practices in the firm’s Madison, NJ office.

2002

ANASTASIA M. BUCCINO-ROTH and Adam Roth announce the birth of their son, Pierce Scott, on December 21, 2008.

ERIC KANEFSKY has joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey as an assistant attorney in the criminal division violent crimes division.

DEANNA L. KOESTEL, a senior associate at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, spoke at a seminar entitled Construction Claims and Law: Preparation, Proof & Defense, presented by the Construction Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

JOYCE E. KOH coproduced an independent feature film, No Boundaries, scheduled to screen at the Philadelphia Film Festival/Cinefest. Koh is general counsel to the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival.

2005

RYAN J. VLASAK has announced the opening of Bracamontes & Vlasak, in San Francisco, CA.
2006

MELISSA DOBRZYN DOGAN has joined the intellectual property firm of Volpe and Koenig as an associate. Dogan works with the electrical and litigation departments, concentrating on the prosecution and litigation of patents and trademarks.

JOHN L. HEMMER has joined Morgan Lewis & Bockius as an associate in the intellectual property group. He was previously an associate with the firms of Panitch Schwarze Belsario & Nadel, and Akim Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

2007

AMY E. SPARROW has joined the Philadelphia office of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, where she practices general litigation. Prior to joining Stradley, Sparrow clerked for Judge D. Michael Fisher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

2008

AVERY E. SMITH has been named an associate with the Lehigh Valley firm Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino, where she specializes in estate planning, the administration of trusts and estates, and adoptions.

ROBERT S. GUZEK is an associate with Parker McCay in Marlton, NJ in the brownfield redevelopment/economic development practice group.

KRISTIN J. JONES has joined the Philadelphia office of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young as an associate in the litigation practice group.

ALEXANDER F. SMITH has also joined the Philadelphia office of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, where he is an associate in the investment management/mutual funds practice group.

MARIE J. TRIO has joined White and Williams as an associate in the litigation department in the Philadelphia office. Trijo is a member of the insurance fraud, bad faith, and life, health and disability practice groups.

2006

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institution dreams of. As a successful practitioner, he reminds us what hard work and integrity can produce. As a friend and supporter, he helps the law school continue on its path of excellence. And as a role model, he serves as a bridge between practice and our students, always sharing his time and wisdom with care and good humor. We are deeply grateful to him for the many benefits he bestows on us.

Reich has consistently supported the law school in an advisory capacity as a member of the distinguished group of alumni that make up the law school’s Board of Visitors. “Temple Law School was instrumental in navigating my professional life as well as that of my wife,” says Reich. “I want to make sure that the law school continues to have the ability to attract and educate bright young people, who can lead the legal profession in ways that make the school proud.” Reich has been particularly pleased with “Temple’s unparalleled commitment to diversity” and has spoken passionately about the need to inculcate students with a sensitivity to legal ethics and a commitment to public interest. In fact, his insight on these subjects has contributed to changes in Temple’s public interest law program and to the addition of new courses on professionalism and on the business of practicing law. “Having known Abe professionally and personally for over twenty years,” adds Jeff Scarpello, “I have witnessed his support, devotion, and commitment to the law school and to its students and graduates. Abe has served as a mentor and role model for countless Temple Law alumni. I salute the law school for selecting Abe Reich, a most deserving recipient of the Certificate of Honor.”

—Jodi Benjamin

FAMILY LAW CLINICAL HIGHLIGHTED AT INT’L CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 2008

Professor Mary Hanna attended the biennial conference of the Global Alliance for Justice Education, in Manila, Philippines, where she presented a workshop, “Using Mediation in Child Custody Disputes and Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings.” The presentation highlighted mediation skills and how they are taught in Hanna’s clinical course at Temple Law. Hanna, who has been general counsel for the Temple Legal Aid Office since 1982, supervises clinicals in both custody mediation and family law litigation.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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The law school’s longstanding support for public interest has resulted in a proliferation of opportunities offered to students, both in the curriculum and in the form of support for students seeking fellowships and other positions in the field. Much of this work is coordinated by the Office of Public Interest Programs. This office provides counseling, creates public interest programming, identifies public interest jobs and pro bono opportunities, and supports students’ post-graduate fellowship applications.

Recognizing that a career in public interest law can present financial challenges, Temple also provides public interest scholarships, financial assistance for internships, and a well-established loan repayment assistance program.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF TEMPLE’S PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAM

• The Rubin-Presser Public Interest Scholars Program awards substantial aid to entering law students with exceptional ability, a longstanding commitment to public interest work, and the intention of pursuing a career in public interest law. This program provides a comprehensive plan of coursework, mentoring, and clinicals.

• Public Interest Experience (PIE) is Temple’s pro bono program. Students volunteer at local public service organizations, such as Community Legal Services, SeniorLAW Center, or Juvenile Law Center. They also volunteer through pro bono projects, such as the Domestic Violence Assistance Project, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and the Federal Court Re-entry Program.

• Law Education and Participation (LEAP) is a multi-faceted program that teaches children about the law.

• The Barrack Public Interest Fellowship Program is a loan repayment assistance program that helps alleviate the debt burdens of graduates pursuing public interest careers.

• The Student Public Interest Network (SPIN) raises funds each year to provide grants to students for summer internships with public interest organizations and government agencies.

SHARPEN YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

CLE: “Strategic Communication in Negotiations, the Courtroom, the Office and Beyond,” sponsored by TLAA

Susan Letterman White, J.D., M.S., is a former managing partner of a Philadelphia law firm and a strategy consultant. She will provide participants with a bird’s eye view into different communication styles. White is certified to administer and interpret the Myers Briggs Type Indicator®, which will be given in advance of the course to all course participants. Participants’ test results will help them gain a better understanding of how they and others communicate, and how differences in communication styles can effectively be bridged to increase communication effectiveness.

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NOVEMBER 2008 The fall issue of the National Jurist places Temple Law seventeenth in a list of the top 75 public interest law programs in the country. To compile the rankings, the National Jurist, a magazine published for law students and distributed to law schools, weighed student involvement, curriculum, and financial support for public interest. The ranking criteria were established by Equal Justice Works, a national organization that encourages and supports young attorneys interested in careers in public interest.

Temple’s commitment to public service is reflected in its graduates. Each year, Temple Law places graduates in public interest employment at a rate well above the regional and national averages. In 2007, the last year for which data is available, 61 members of the graduating class entered jobs in non-profits or in the public sector. These jobs included post-graduate fellowships at Community Legal Services and Nationalities Service Center, Corporation Counsel in New York, and positions at the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office and the Defender Association of Philadelphia.

“Public interest is a longstanding Temple tradition,” says Maureen Olives, director of public interest programs. “We work to instill in each student a commitment to the values of equal justice and pro bono service. We try to be creative and aggressive in coming up with opportunities for all students to begin meeting their ethical obligation as lawyers by offering lots of options for both pro bono work and community service.”

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Graduating Temple Law students Ben Beck-Coon and Jennifer Russell were awarded prestigious fellowships from the Independence Foundation. Only two fellowships are awarded annually to support careers in public interest. This year marks the tenth consecutive year that a Temple student or alumnus/a has received an Independence Foundation Fellowship, and the first year that Temple has captured both fellowships.

Beck-Coon’s fellowship will support his work at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, where he will create medical-legal partnerships to assist disabled domestic violence victims as well as representation of those victims in Family Court. Russell will work at SeniorLAW Center, focusing on seniors with grandchildren or other minor relatives in the foster care system.

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