In fall 2010, Temple Law added a new clinical opportunity to its extensive roster of “hands-on” opportunities for students. Through a partnership with the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project (CBAP), students can now spend two semesters learning—through direct representation of clients—how Chapter 7 bankruptcy law and practice works for impoverished clients. The groundwork for this newly-minted clinic began in 2007 when the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals awarded $30 million to roughly 1.7 million class members in the settlement of Carnegie vs. Household International and H&R Block. When the dust settled, $1.3 million dollars of unclaimed cy pres funds remained. Committed Temple Law alums Carolyn Lindheim ’87 and Steven Angstreich ’70, both attorneys with Weir & Partners in Philadelphia, successfully petitioned to have those unclaimed funds assigned to the law school. (For more details, see Temple Eq September 2009.)

With the cy pres funds secured, Dean JoAnne A. Epps created a committee to explore opportunities for the money from this fund to support consumer protection and education, and to advance the law school’s programs at the same time. ARISING out of that committee was the idea for a bankruptcy clinic as conceived by Professor William Woodward, a long-time board member of CBAP. In the clinic, students are supervised in CBAP’s Fresh Start program, where low income, working poor and unemployed clients gain access to U.S. Bankruptcy Courts and experience the powerful legal tool that bankruptcy can offer. Most Fresh Start clients file for Chapter 7 following an anticipated catastrophic life event such as a funeral, injury or illness, loss of a job, or interrupted spousal or child support. As the course description states, “students will become sensitized to the reality of living in poverty in Philadelphia. Clients come to CBAP as a last resort, after having tried to resolve their financial difficulty on their own.”

As with all of Temple’s clinical courses, there is both a classroom and practice component. In the classroom, Woodward offers an overview of debt collection and the bankruptcy process. Staff Attorney Siana Newman and Supervising Attorney Henry Sommer then teach the complicated procedural and substantive legal issues involved in representing clients seeking bankruptcy relief—the concrete skills students will put into practice at CBAP. But the students also spend time exploring with their instructors the psychological, cultural, and socioeconomic ramifications as well as the nuanced ethical implications of consumer bankruptcy.

Then the practice component: Weekly for two semesters, the six Temple students enrolled in the clinic interview Fresh Start clients, review budgets, prepare the filing documents, and—with working with the clinic’s supervising attorney—represent clients in Chapter 7 bankruptcy to discharge the client’s unsecured debts. Students meet regularly and are closely supervised by Newman and Sommer. “Henry Sommer is one of the best-known consumer bankruptcy lawyers in the U.S.,” says Woodward. Sommer is a Harvard Law-educated attorney who publishes widely and is former President of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. “For our students to have an opportunity to work with him, to help underprivileged clients with their financial problems, to see first-hand the operation of a premier pro bono provider, and to learn bankruptcy practice all at the same time is a unique educational opportunity at Temple.”

Now in its second semester, the experience has been deemed a meaningful one by its participants. Third-year law student Melissa Pelkey says participation in the clinic has been personally rewarding. “Working for real people with real needs is extraordinarily motivating,” she says. “The time I invest in CBAP is not only preparing me to be an attorney, but it also has a positive impact on people in my community.” And, as a result of Temple Law students working in the program, Sommer estimates that CBAP will service 40 to 50 more low income clients this year than previously, approximately a 50% increase in capacity. The course description does not exaggerate when it claims students will become sensitized, says Pelkey. “Declaring bankruptcy is often a very difficult and personal decision for CBAP clients, so it is an important part of our job as student-attorneys to understand each client’s story. All of our clients are dealing with unique challenges that we as ‘poor law students’ could not begin to imagine in our own lives.”

CARY FLITTER (LEFT) PRESENTS CY PRES AWARD CHECK TO DEAN JOANNE A. EPPS AND PROFESSOR WILLIAM WOODWARD.
Faculty On the Record

TREATY EXPERT HOLLIS REFLECTS ON GLOBAL WARMING
It took decades for negotiators to write treaties that curb nuclear warheads. By that measure, efforts to limit global warming may just be getting started. United Nations climate talks in Mexico were expected to be an ongoing process. “We’ve been at it for 18 years on climate change, but that’s not unique,” said PROFESSOR DUNCAN HOLLIS, editor of the forthcoming Oxford Guide to Treaties. “Breaking this up into smaller pieces and trying to knock off one piece at a time is certainly worth trying.” —Bloomberg Business Week, November 22, 2010

TRIAL EXPERT OHILBAUM COMMENTS ON BUCKS COUNTY CASE
Legal scholars say the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office’s decision not to file criminal charges against a former Montgomery County district attorney in connection with a manslaughter case against the ex-top prosecutor’s nephew appears to be correct by the letter of the law. “The fact that Mr. Malinow did not volunteer information and left the scene without reporting what he knew is neither obstruction of justice nor making false reports to police,” said PROFESSOR EDWARD J. OHILBAUM, a trial advocacy and criminal law expert. —Bucks County Courier Times, December 26, 2010

ABREU SAYS TAX CUTS BENEFIT LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME
President Barack Obama’s $858 billion tax package is a grab bag of goodies for investors, the affluent and workers, and the richer you are the more you get. But low and middle income groups do benefit. They will see a cash boost from cuts in the payroll tax, with the rate trimmed from the current 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. The wealthy also get that benefit, but the payroll tax is not imposed on income above $107,000. “That is actually good not only as a policy matter but also in how it’s done, because it will put money in people’s pockets at the beginning of January,” said PROFESSOR ALICE ABREU. —CNBC, December 17, 2010

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COURTS REMAINS ‘OPEN QUESTION’ ACCORDING TO HOLLIS
New York State’s chief judge and the chief justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in Australia announced that when a court in one of the jurisdictions is hearing a case dealing with the laws of the other jurisdiction, the court can ask judges in the other jurisdiction to provide an opinion on the case. So, for instance, if an Australian company is suing a New York company in Australia for breach of contract, a panel of judges in New York might be asked to provide an opinion, based on New York contracts law, about the case. These opinions will not be legally binding — the judge who has the case can either accept or reject the opinion. The opinions also may not be used to set precedents in the U.S. —PROFESSOR DUNCAN B. HOLLIS, who has written on agreements between states and foreign countries, said that the legality of this pact, and many others between other states and countries, remains an open question. A provision in the federal constitution says that states may enter into an agreement with a foreign government only if approved by Congress. But states and foreign countries have entered into hundreds of agreements without first going to Congress, Mr. Hollis said. “How is that possible given the constitutional text?” Mr. Hollis said. “This has not been answered definitively by the courts.” —New York Times, January 29, 2011

TING RECOMMENDS: PRESERVE STATUS QUO WITH CHINA
Chinese-Americans and Chinese citizens living in Delaware greeted Chinese President Hu Jintao’s visit to Washington, DC with a mixture of reactions. Delaware resident and PROFESSOR JAN TING, however, said to shut out China is to ignore economic and political reality. “We have this interesting relationship with China where we give our dollars to China in exchange for Chinese-made goods and they loan us the dollars back so we buy more Chinese goods,” he said. “It is mutually beneficial as long as it lasts, but the big question is, how long will it last?” Ting, who has relatives in China and visits regularly, said China has long needed the U.S. as a market for its goods, but that is changing. “The Chinese domestic market is growing by leaps and bounds.” He said the U.S. would be well served to preserve the status quo with China. "Nobody benefits in a world economic crisis," Ting said, which is what could happen if China severs ties with the U.S. “The Chinese also have a stake in the world economy as it is.” —Wilmington News Journal, January 20, 2011

PAY CAPS WERE MORE AMBITIOUS IN THE 1930S THAN TODAY, SAYS WELLS
New caps on European bankers’ bonuses were ushered in with the new year. Outcry over executive compensation is nothing new. The Financial Times highlighted a study by PROFESSOR HARWELL WELLS: “Mr. Wells makes the point that in all this, 1930s America had more radical ambitions than anything now contemplated. But the only substantial outcome was compulsory pay disclosure, enacted along with the setting up of the SEC in 1934. That apart, there were pay caps set on Depression-hit railroad companies, which were receiving public subsidy, and on carriers of public mail.” —Financial Times, January 2, 2011

CAINE ENDORSES PRESIDENT’S ROLE IN REPEALING ‘DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL’
PROFESSOR BURTON CAINE raises the issue of the president’s role in striking down the military’s antigay policy. “Under Article II of the Constitution, the president is bound by oath to ‘preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution.’ In addition, the president is commander in chief of the military forces. Certainly, the combination of the two provisions requires the president to halt a practice that indisputably violates the First Amendment as well as the due process clause and the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment.” —New York Times, November 18, 2010

EXTRADITING ASSANGE WON’T BE EASY, PREDICTS SPIRO
Trying to bring WikiLeaks editor-in-chief Julian Assange to justice in the U.S. may be difficult. Assange is rumored to be in London but the Australian citizen has proved adept at moving between countries. Even a country with which the U.S. has warmer relations and an extradition treaty might argue that the prosecution is political, not criminal, and refuse to hand him over. Because of this, “getting him to the U.S., even from a friendly nation, isn’t necessarily going to be easy,” says international law expert PROFESSOR PETER SPIRO. —Wall Street Journal, December 1, 2010
TRIAL TEAM
Celebrating the trial team's regional championship are, from left: Brian Burack '11, Caroline Leigh '12, Samantha Jones '11, Shilpa Kalra '12, Stacy Merritt, Prof. Edward Ohlbaum '76, Alex Gosfield '08, and Prof. Sara Jacobson '97, LL.M. '02.

TRIAL TEAM WINS REGIONAL
FEBRUARY 13, 2011 Temple's National Trial Team won the regional championship from the National Trial Competition. Temple Law has dominated the regional competitions for a quarter of a century, winning 23 out of the last 25 events. Temple's team—Brian Burack '11, Caroline Leigh '12 and Shilpa Kalra '12—defeated teams from law schools of Dickinson, Duquesne, University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Rutgers-Newark, Seton Hall, Villanova, Widener-Delaware, and Widener-Harrisburg. Burack was presented with the John J. Scott Memorial Plaque for being the best advocate in the final round. Coaching the successful teams are Professor Edward Ohlbaum '76, Director of Trial Advocacy and Clinical Legal Education; Professor Sara Jacobson '97, LL.M. '02, Director of Trial Advocacy Programs; and Alex Gosfield '08 of the Chester County District Attorney's Office.

The double-bracketed competition, a second team of Samantha Jones '11 and Stacy Merritt '12 made it to the semi-finals, which was won by Drexel. In April, both teams will travel to Texas to compete in the national competition against twenty-four winners and runners-up from the twelve regional contests.

The regional tournament was sponsored by Temple's LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Alumni Association, directed by Professor Barbara Ashcroft, Director of the LL.M. Program, and administered by Mary Beth Wilson.

AUTHOR JOHN HOLLWAY SPEAKS AT TEMPLE LAW
JANUARY 25, 2011 Lawyer John Hollway, co-author of Killing Time: an 18-Year Odyssey from Death Row to Freedom, visited Temple Law to talk about his account of the efforts of two Philadelphia lawyers to exonerate John Thompson, who was wrongfully convicted in Louisiana and imprisoned for almost 20 years. The New Orleans D.A. in the case was Harry Connick, Sr.

Hollway explained how he and his co-author, Ronald Gauthier, drew from trial transcripts, witness reports, depositions, and in-person interviews to create a narrative of the Thompson case from investigation to exoneration that includes reconstructed conversations and bits of internal monologue.

A reviewer for the Boston Globe praised the book for three reasons: "First, it serves as a detailed but approachable primer on how and why wrongful convictions occur... Second, it works as a gripping narrative of a prosecution gone awry, a narrative built impressively on hundreds of thousands of pages of police and court documents... And finally, this book serves as evidence in a world populated by skeptics and cynics that a few good Samaritans like the Philadelphia lawyers exist and can make a positive difference."

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CYBERPRIVACY SYMPOSIUM
Panelists discussing e-discovery and data privacy were (from left): David Kessler, Fulbright & Jaworski; David C. Shonka, Federal Trade Commission; and Paul D. Weiner '94, Littler Mendelson.

CYBERPRIVACY EXPLORED AT SYMPOSIUM
FEBRUARY 5, 2011 Cyberprivacy law is an area of rapidly expanding importance. Constitutional and ethical questions abound in this new field. At a symposium organized by the Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review, more than 100 students, scholars and practicing attorneys gathered to discuss the layered legal policies, practices, and expectations of cyberprivacy.

The forum’s featured speakers were Marc Rotenberg, Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and David Post, I. Herman Stern Professor of Law at Temple University. Expert panels explored topics including ethical and professional boundaries, constitutional and statutory trends, e-discovery and data privacy, and workplace privacy and social media.
Goodell, earned his J.D. from Temple Law in 2010. Of this year's winning LL.M. team from Northwestern, John Kane placed first in that division in 2010. In addition, a member of Dunn-Kane placed first in the J.D. division in 2009, and Wheeler placed second in the LL.M. division. Both Wheeler and Dunn-Kane have a history of success in the Tax Challenge. Dunn-Kane '09 are coached for the best written submission by a J.D. team in 2008 and teams have brought home six trophies, including awards for the best written submission by a J.D. team in 2008 and 2009, first place J.D. team in 2009, second place J.D. team in 2010, and second place LL.M. team in 2009 and 2011. Temple teams also made it to the semifinals in the midyear meeting.

Temple Law's winning streak began in 2002, the inaugural year of the competition. Since 2008, Temple teams have brought home six trophies, including awards for the best written submission by a J.D. team in 2008 and 2009, first place J.D. team in 2009, second place J.D. team in 2010, and second place LL.M. team in 2009 and 2011. Temple teams also made it to the semifinals in the J.D. division in 2009, and to the finals in the LL.M. division in 2010.

At this year's competition, Temple J.D./LL.M. candidates Travis Wheeler '10 and Jeanmarie Dunn-Kane '09 placed second in the LL.M. division. Both Wheeler and Dunn-Kane have a history of success in the Tax Challenge. Dunn-Kane placed first in the J.D. division in 2009, and Wheeler took second in that division in 2010. In addition, a member of this year's winning LL.M. team from Northwestern, John Goodell, earned his J.D. from Temple Law in 2010.

In order to earn an invitation to the ABA Tax Challenge, students were required to research the tax questions involved in a series of complicated corporate transactions and submit technical memoranda and client letters with their solutions. The submissions were judged by tax practitioners from around the country, and the teams with the best written submissions were chosen to present their tax planning strategies before judges at the section's midyear meeting.

Sponsored by the ABA's Tax Sections and held in Boca Raton, FL, the Tax Challenge drew 31 teams of LL.M. students from around the country. Competitors presented their recommendations to their panel of judges. Competition judge William Alexander, Associate Chief Counsel at the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, described the Temple team's analysis as sophisticated and what he would have recommended.

Temple's 2011 team was coached by Professors Andrea Monroe and Kathy Mandelbaum, Director of the LL.M. in Tax program, and advised by other members of Temple's tax, trial advocacy and transactional practice faculty as well as Philadelphia tax practitioners.
1940s

ROBERT T. GOWNEY SR. ’43 was featured as the “oldest living member of Lackawanna Bar Association” in Scranton, PA’s Times-Tribune. Gowney, who turned 100 on November 8, 2010, continued practicing law until his early 90s, focusing on drawing up wills and estates, especially in his later years.

1970s

JUDGE ALAN D. LOURIE ’70 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, was honored for “Outstanding Intellectual Property Achievement” by the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association at its annual judges’ dinner in November 2010.

LOUIS B. PRIUKER ’75 was re-elected to the International Boxing Federation board of directors for the fifth time. Priuker is a general practitioner with an office in Jenkintown, PA.

Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley recently appointed BARBARA I. BERSCHLER ’76 to the 17-member Governor’s Commission on Small Business. Berschler is an attorney with Press, Potter and Dozier in Bethesda, MD.

HEIDI WEINTRAUB STRASSLER ’77 has been named associate solicitor of labor for Mine Safety and Health, a position in which she supervises an office of approximately 30 attorneys and support staff in Arlington, VA.

R. MICHAEL CARR ’79 moderated a panel discussion on assessing and responding to claims for unemployment insurance benefits in December 2010 in Bethlehem, PA. Carr, who is a shareholder of Stevens & Lee, is also a board member for the Moravian Village of Bethlehem.

In November 2010 President Barack Obama honored MARY NELL WHIGHAM-JONES ’79 with the Presidential Rank Award, the highest federal award bestowed on senior executive staff. Whigham-Jones is the deputy director of the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Transportation.

1980s

ELLEN KANDELL ’82 was elected president of the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution. Kandell is President of Alternative Resolutions, which trains Maryland’s retired circuit court and administrative law judges.

KEVIN D. STEPANUK ’82, Associate General Counsel at Exelon Business Services Company in Philadelphia, was a recipient of a 2010 Corporate Counsel Excellence Award for “outstanding community service by an individual.” The award was presented by the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Association for Corporate Counsel. Stepaknuk recently came to Temple Law School at the request of Professor Jeffrey Dunoff to lecture on “What is a Local Utility Lawyer Doing Practicing International Law?” Stepaknuk also mentored a Chinese law student attending Temple University as a part of an exchange program.


In February 2011, criminal defense attorney MARK E. CEDRONE ’85 gave several presentations at the Winning Strategies Seminar, hosted by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Office of Defender Services Training Branch. The presentations included a panel discussion on resources for CJA attorneys, including how to obtain funding for expert services and the potential roles of investigators and other experts; how to prepare jury instructions and special verdict forms; and how to handle ethical issues that criminal defense attorneys often face.

Cedrone is the managing partner of the Law Offices of Mark E. Cedrone in Philadelphia.

The board of HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia will honor JUDITH BERNSTEIN-BAKER ’80 on April 28, 2011 at the newly opened National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. The President of National HIAS, Gideon Aronoff will address the group. Bernstein-Baker, who is executive director of Philadelphia HIAS and Council, was named an honorary fellow of Penn Law School in 1998, and is the past recipient of the Philadelphia Human Relations Commission Award, the Equal Justice Award from Community Legal Services, and the Mary Phibrook Award from Rutgers Camden Law School.

In January 2010, LEWIS EVANGELIIDS ’87 was sworn in as the newly elected sheriff of Worcester County, MA. Evangelidis is married to MARY JUDE PIGSLEY ’87, chief regional counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection’s Central Regional Office.

In December 2010, Fox Rothschild’s real estate department chair ROBERT W. GUNDLACH JR. ’87 (with real estate associate KIMBERLY FREIMUTH ’05) presented the program, “The Permit Extension Act of 2010: Learning How to Maximize Value for Your Company” to members of the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties.

1990s

Following a national search, the Delaware County Bar Association has selected WILLIAM L. BALDWIN ’90 as the new executive director. Baldwin is a former deputy director of Laurel House, a domestic violence nonprofit in Norristown, PA, where he has also supervised a clinic for Temple Law students.

PETER BAROTH ’90 was born in Chicago, Illinois, and raised in Norman, OK. A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, MO, and Philadelphia’s Temple Law School, he is an active and ardent writer, artist, and musician. Peter has published a poetry chapbook, Ski Oklahoma, as well as a novel, Long Green, and his work has appeared in many literary publications. Besides his poetry, a number of his artworks have graced the pages of Philadelphia Poets. He was the recipient of the 2009 Amy Tritsch Needle Award for his poem, “Earth Mother.”

NANCY L. WASCH ’90 has been appointed to serve as co-chair of the employee benefits committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Wasch is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Archer & Greiner, where she practices in the areas of employee benefits, compensation, and ERISA matters.

ROBERT J. ROSSI ’91 has been named senior vice president and general counsel of PLUS Diagnostics, a national cytology, histology and molecular pathology laboratory. Prior to this appointment, he was senior corporate counsel for Quest Diagnostics Inc., where he spent more than 11 years. Rossi also currently serves on the Temple University College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY T. FEBBO ’92 is a Judge Advocate General Attorney with the U.S. Army, assigned to Baghdad, Iraq as a regional defense counsel. He is married to ANITA MELLEONE FEBBO ’90.

BARRY R. COHEN ’93, former head of Thorp Reed & Armstrong’s intellectual property litigation group, has left the firm to join King of Prussia, PA-based Sorin Royer Cooper.

THOMAS D. RUTLEDGE ’95 is a sole practitioner of employment law, personal injury, landlord-tenant law, and family law in San Diego, CA. He is an active member of the San Diego County Bar.

2000s

After more than two and a half years with the Office of the New York State Attorney General, ALPHONSO DAVID ’00 left to join Governor Andrew Cuomo’s administration as Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights.

Wisle Pearlstone of Blue Bell, PA recently announced that JASON J. HERRON ’00 has been elected to partnership. Herron is a member of the firm’s business practice group.

HERB PINDER ’00, opinion page editor of The Journal News and LoHud.com in suburban New York City, received the honorable mention award for editorials in the New York State Associated Press Association Writing Contest for 2010. He won the first-place award in 2007 and 2008.

GREGORY T. ROYSTON ’00 was featured in a December 12, 2010 New York Times article, “Homes at Risk and No Help From Lawyers.” Royston was described by a client as an exception, without whom, “I’d be living under a bridge.” Royston is a real estate lawyer who is of counsel with South Bay Law Group in Redondo Beach, CA.

STEVEN B. WITTERNBERG, JD/MBA ’01, LLM ’10, is a founder, partner and broker of record for Icon Realty Group, where he and his partners focus on brokerage, property management, construction and insurance services. The companies, located in Center City Philadelphia, serve the greater Philadelphia and South Jersey area.

PETER J. ISAJIW ’02 has been named special counsel at the New York City law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. He concentrates his practice on complex securities and commercial litigation, as well as criminal and regulatory investigations. Isajiw has substantial experience with sophisticated e-discovery, and speaks frequently on the subject. He is also a contributing author to the treatise Public Companies. Prior to joining Cadwalader, Isajiw clerked for Hon. Yvette Kane, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
ALUMNI PROFILE

RUDY GARCIA ’77
ELECTED NEW PHILA BAR CHANCELLOR
Successful litigator urges engagement

Rudolph Garcia ’77, the Philadelphia Bar Association’s newly elected 85th chancellor and a superstar litigator at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, has a colorful ethnic legacy. He has been cited as the bar’s first Hispanic leader, but there is more to the story. The clue: his membership in both the Hispanic Bar Association and the Justitiaan Society (for lawyers of Italian ancestry).

The tale begins when his paternal grandparents fled Mexico around 1916 in the wake of the mayhem unleashed by bandit-revolutionary Pancho Villa. The Garcias settled in Arizona and named their son Rudolph (after Hollywood heartthrob Rudolph Valentino). This first Rudolph Garcia served in World War II and, while his ship was docked at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, he met a first-generation Italian American.

After the war, the couple married and settled in South Philadelphia, where our Rudolph Garcia was born, and then moved to Upper Merion Township. His parents separated when Rudy was five and he lived with his mother for 10 years, then his father for three.

His father was a commercial artist whose credits included the Jolly Green Giant; his mother was a ballroom dance instructor and real estate saleswoman. They never encouraged college, but a school counselor did, so Garcia submitted an application to Penn State after the deadline and was accepted to its engineering program in Hazleton, PA.

He moved out at 18 and has supported himself ever since. He enjoyed school, he recalls, but he felt confined in engineering. He was curious to know more about literature, about history, about everything. He switched to liberal arts.

Since. He enjoyed school, he recalls, but he felt confined in engineering. With $10 in his pocket, he hitchhiked to California and on his way back, worked long enough in Salt Lake City to buy a motorcycle and point it due east. “I had seen lots of different places but I liked Philadelphia best,” he says.

The yearlong trip was much more than an adventure. “I grew a lot during that year,” he recalls. “It shaped my character and built up my self-confidence, because I found I was able to get by with very little on my own.”

He completed his undergraduate career at Temple, magna cum laude and free of debt. How’d he do it? “I scheduled classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and I worked on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays,” he explains. “I took Sundays off.” At Temple Law School, he served on the law review and as moot court president, graduating cum laude in 1977.

“My first job after law school was at a small firm where I got a lot of great trial experience,” he says. A year later, Garcia joined Saul Ewing where he quickly made his mark because he knew how to handle himself in court. He became a partner there and stayed for 27 years. Six years ago, he joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney as a shareholder, handling complex business litigation. Among his strengths, he acknowledges, is his ability to synthesize a great deal of information into a story that a jury will understand. In one case he defended officers and directors of a failed savings and loan association with $800 million at stake, four million documents and hundreds of witnesses across the country.

A longtime champion of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Garcia has an ambitious agenda prepared for his term as chancellor: enhancing the value of membership, improving diversity, working with the city to improve the business climate, providing a classifieds section on the Bar’s website — www.philadelphiabar.org — to connect lawyers with job opportunities, helping unemployed lawyers start their own firms, promoting a hotline for citizens to get free legal help, hosting an international bar conference … the list goes on and on.

His suggestion for young lawyers? “Join the Philadelphia Bar Association, the oldest and one of the most respected bar associations in the United States. Don’t be consumed with this week’s billable hours and then go home. Think of the future; save some of your time for long-term development. Get involved, make connections and become a better lawyer.” —Ruth Waldman Schultz
**TEMPLE LAW ALUMS PROMINENT**

**in new Corbett administration**

**GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE COMMONWEALTH:**  
**STEPHEN AICHELE ‘77**

**JANUARY 2011** Pennsylvania’s new governor, Tom Corbett, named Stephen Aichele ‘77 as General Counsel of the Commonwealth, the top legal office representing the State, the Governor, the Governor’s Cabinet and all of the State’s executive and independent agencies. Aichele is a former partner with Saul Ewing in Philadelphia, where he chaired the firm’s project and resource development department as well as the government involvement committee, and represented major developers, lenders, and governmental entities in land use, zoning, development, financing, construction, and leasing. He also participated in the acquisition, development, and management of numerous major real estate projects throughout the state. Aichele is an adjunct professor at Temple Law, and regularly lectures on real estate-related topics for the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**CHIEF OF STAFF: WILLIAM F. WARD ‘77**

**JANUARY 2011** Newly-elected Governor Tom Corbett announced the selection of William F. Ward ‘77 to be his chief of staff. He brings extensive legal experience from both the public and private sectors to the position. After clerking for United States District Judge Louis C. Bechtle in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Ward worked alongside Corbett as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. Starting in 1986, Ward worked at the Pittsburgh law firm of Meyer, Unkovic and Scott, where he was an equity partner. In 1996, as then-Pennsylvania Attorney General, Corbett chose Ward to serve as his First Deputy Attorney General. In 1997, Ward was named chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. In 2003, Ward returned to the private practice of law in Pittsburgh, where he was a partner at Thiemann & Ward, and member of Ward McGoey.

**HERTA (BONNIE) GRAHAM ‘83**

**1934—2010**

**DECEMBER 22, 2010** Herta (Bonnie) Graham ’83 died weeks after a diagnosis of inoperable cancer. Until her recent retirement, Graham was a senior administrator at Temple School of Dentistry, where she was mentor and surrogate mother to dozens of students. She taught at the dental school, and led trips to Haiti where dental students provided free care. As a lawyer for 30 years, Graham did pro bono work on behalf of victims of domestic violence. She also represented countless students, friends and neighbors at no cost. A celebration of Graham’s life will be held in the spring.

**IN MEMORIAM**

- Nathan A. Friedman Class of 1961
- Mary McDonnell Cland Class of 1977
- James J. Bee Class of 1979
- Elizabeth Carleton High Class of 2009

**TAX POLICY**

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After clerking for Judge Van Antwerp in Easton, PA for a year, Jennifer Burdick ‘09 joined Dechert, where she is in the labor and employment group.

**JANUARY 18, 2011** Lt. Governor James F. Cawley IV ’94 was inaugurated as the 32nd Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The newly-elected lieutenant governor will preside over the state Senate and assume the top position if the governor is for any reason unable to serve. The holder of an undergraduate and law degree from Temple entered politics as a volunteer driver for Republican Gov. Mark Schweiker in the 1990s. Cawley was appointed to the Bucks County Board of Commissioners in 2005 and reelected in 2007. Prior to his work as a commissioner, Cawley was Chief of Staff to State Senator Robert M. Torlison. Between 2001 and 2004, he was an associate with the law firm of Rudolph, Pizzo and Clarke.

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**ALUMNI REUNION**

**APRIL 9, 2011**

If your class ends in a 1 or 6, your reunion will be celebrated at this event.

NEW COURSE ‘PUTS A FACE’ ON TAX POLICY

Students learn policy—and volunteer to assist low-income taxpayers

JANUARY 2011 Professor Alice Abreu has designed a new tax course—believed to be the first of its kind in the nation—combining low-income taxpayer policy and practice. Beginning this year, Temple Law students have the opportunity to not only study tax policy as it affects low-income workers, but experience “hands on” how that policy is implemented.

Increasingly, says Abreu, the tax system has “the dual roles of revenue collector and benefits provider” as it both administers social benefits and provides government transfer payments. Temple students who take the new course will be on the front lines of understanding the IRS’s dual role. To create this course, the Temple Law tax faculty is joining forces with VITA—the IRS-funded Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program—through which students will learn the arduous task of preparing a tax return.

Preparing tax returns is a daunting process for many people but it is especially so for low-income taxpayers. Determining eligibility for benefits like the earned income tax credit, the child tax credit, and the multiplicity of tuition credits is exceedingly difficult. Without VITA, taxpayers often choose to either not file (and not receive those benefits), or pay a commercial preparer. Paying a preparer not only results in a significant portion of the benefits going to the preparer but creates an additional hazard: taxpayers sometimes take out refund anticipation loans or purchase other products that come with exorbitant interest rates.

The idea behind VITA is simple: the IRS provides funds to train volunteers to prepare the returns. Trained volunteers, like the Temple students, ensure that the entire amount of benefits created by Congress reaches the intended beneficiary. It’s a win-win for the client and the IRS, since the use of trained volunteers can also improve the accuracy of the returns filed.

Temple students, through the Office of Public Interest Law, had already been volunteering with VITA. The new course grew out of a commitment by the tax faculty to ground that volunteer work in an academic experience that would provide a scholarly context. Abreu, with her colleagues Robert Bartow and Jan Ting, are VITA volunteers themselves. They have found the experience challenging as well as deeply rewarding on a personal level. “One of my clients was a young single mother,” says Ting. “The refund we were able to get for her made a big continued on page seven

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Federal Courthouse
6th and Market Streets 4:30 pm
Register at www.mylawconnection.com/lawday

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CLIFFORD SCOTT GREEN LECTURE
“Counsel for the Situation”
Presented by Hon. William T. Coleman, Jr. and Hon. Ann Claire Williams
Duane Morris LLP Moo Court Room 4 pm

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FRIEL-SCANLAN LECTURE
Presented by Prof. David Post
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