Examining the
PSYCHOLOGY OF IP
in U.S. and China

NSF funds Gregory Mandel in three-year study

Intellectual property disputes are everywhere these days, from debates concerning online pirating of music and videos to questions about whether genes should be patented and whether vaccine and drug patents should be modified to lower health care costs.

Gregory N. Mandel, Associate Dean for Research and the Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law, says that it is critically important that we know how culture and psychology impact potential creators’ and users’ understanding of the intellectual property laws that govern these disputes. Towards that end, Professor Mandel has been awarded a $300,000 National Science Foundation grant to support a three-year study.

Working with collaborator Kristina Olson, a psychology professor at the University of Washington who specializes in the psychology of property and ownership, the grant will support a series of experiments to explore how ideas about intellectual property and ownership vary between individualists cultures like the U.S., and collectivist cultures like China. By investigating the conceptualization of intellectual property rights across eastern versus western cultures, they expect to gain insight into the effect of culture upon intellectual property rights conceptualization and behavior.

The researchers hope the three-year study will shed light on how to modify the intellectual property system to better encourage innovation and generate widespread user observance, as well as how to more effectively negotiate and implement intellectual property treaties with countries that have different intellectual property understandings.

“Intellectual property law, including patent and copyright law, is built on the premise that offering people intellectual property rights will encourage potential inventors and authors to engage in more creative activity and innovation than they otherwise would,” says Mandel.

“Intellectual property law can only work if potential inventors and authors actually know the law and if consumers generally observe it. People cannot be incentivized to innovate if they are not aware of the incentives, and the ease of copying enabled by modern technology means that the law can only work for creators if there is widespread voluntary compliance.”

This substantial grant represents one of the few times a law professor has been funded by the NSF. In his pioneering research on how psychological development impacts our notions of property and ownership, Mandel uses evidence-based research in an area of law that has generally been theoretical. In doing so, Mandel seeks to bridge the theory and the practical impact of the law itself.

Mandel, who earned a J.D. at Stanford Law School, is no stranger to creativity, or the world of science. After earning a B.A. in physics and astronomy from Wesleyan University, he worked on NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope prior to attending law school. His current research is part of a growing body of work that combines legal research and the emerging science of creativity—particularly its psychological and neurobiological origins.

“Although there is a robust literature around the psychology of ownership, nearly all of this work has concerned the ownership of tangible, physical property,” explains Mandel. “Only recently has the psychology of ownership of intangible property, such as intellectual property, begun to be explored. Understanding people’s psychological framework concerning intellectual property is critical to evaluating the ability of laws to function as designed, and will shed new light on the psychology of ownership.”
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

David Kairys’ role as attorney for Media burglars is revealed in new book.

In 1971, at the height of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, eight anti-war activists broke into an FBI office in Media, PA, and released a bonanza of sensitive files to the public. The daring break-in, staged by an unlikely group ranging from college professors to taxi drivers, revealed serious FBI misconduct, including massive infiltration of and illegal dirty tricks against anti-war and civil rights groups.

Last month, several of the Media FBI office burglars revealed themselves—the statute of limitations has long since run out after 43 years—on the occasion of the publication of a book on these events, The Burglary, The Discovery of J. Edgar Hoover’s Secret FBI. The author, Betty Medsger, first broke the story in 1971 as a Washington Post reporter. A soon-to-be-released documentary, 1971 by Johanna Hamilton, will have its Philadelphia premiere at the National Constitution Center on May 28.

“Their actions were in the best American tradition of nonviolent civil disobedience,” says Temple Law Professor David Kairys, whose name figures prominently in Medsger’s book. In what Medsger jokes “may be the longest retainer without a fee in history,” Kairys has represented the Media burglars in secret for more than 40 years. One of the eight activists, Keith Forsyth, a taxi driver at the time of the burglary, remembers writing Kairys’ home telephone number on his arm just before he entered the FBI office.

In a recent commentary in Slate, Kairys compared the Media break-in to Edward Snowden’s recent release of a trove of National Security Agency documents. Kairys writes the facts of the two cases pose the same important question: Whether and under what circumstances is breaking the law justified?

“The Media burglars acted illegally to reveal, challenge, and draw attention to serious government misconduct,” claims Kairys. “There is no constitutional or other right to break into an FBI office and steal FBI documents. The illegality is part of the point of civil disobedience, or at least helps communicate the depth of belief, since it carries the risk of going to prison.

Kairys goes on to detail the ways in which he believes the public benefits from the “crimes” committed in 1971. “Without the civil disobedience of the Media burglars, we might never have found out what Hoover’s FBI was doing. Congress and a long line of presidents succumbed to Hoover’s threats and secret dossiers, and the courts refused to protect basic constitutional rights. The press was generally mute. The usual mechanisms for reform or change were failing the country, and it took a group of courageous citizens and a burglary to expose the treachery of the national police and start the process of reform.”

In addition to representing the Media burglars, Kairys was also lead defense counsel in the Camden 28 case, in which Hoover’s FBI used a paid Informer to set up a 1971 raid on the Camden, NJ draft board. The FBI provided and paid for, through the Informer, complex strategies, tools and even groceries to keep the plot going and make the raid happen under the mistaken belief they would capture the Media burglars. All of the defendants were acquitted, including two who last week revealed they were among the Media burglars, even though they had in fact broken the law by breaking into a draft board and destroying its records.

Kairys’ accomplishments in representing challengers to the status quo began right out of law school. Between 1968 and 1990, he practiced as a civil rights lawyer full-time. Kairys’ memoir, Philadelphia Freedom, Memoir of a Civil Rights Lawyer, details winning the leading race discrimination case against the FBI as well as challenges to unrepresentative juries around the country. He stopped police sweeps of minority neighborhoods in Philadelphia, and represented Dr. Benjamin Spock in a free speech case before the Supreme Court. In 1996, Kairys conceived the city lawsuits against handgun manufacturers, and his public nuisance theory has become the major basis for a range of challenges to corporate practices that endanger public health or safety.

In 1990, Kairys joined the faculty of Temple Law, where he teaches courses in constitutional law, political and civil rights, and law, science and technology. He is a widely recognized scholar with five books and more than 35 articles on equality, freedom of speech, legal history, and legal theory. He is also of counsel to the law firm he co-founded in 1971, Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, and Feinberg. Of his longest standing clients, Kairys sums it up this way: “The Media burglars were whistle-blowers, in the best sense of the word.”

TRIAL TEAM SWEEPS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2014 Temple’s National Trial Team successfully defended its Region III championship at the National Trial Competition at the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia. It was Temple’s 26th regional championship in 28 years of competition. The team travels to Texas on March 26 to compete for the national championship against the twenty-two winners from the eleven other regional contests.

Competing on Temple’s first-ever all female championship teams are third-year students Emilia Mckee-Vassallo and Caroline Power; and Michelle Ashcroft and Britt Walden. Walden and Power were awarded the John J. Scott Memorial and Bernard L. Siegel Plaques as “Best Advocates in the Final Round.” The teams are coached by Professor Jen Bretschneider, Director of Experiential Programs and Trial Advocacy Programs and Alex Gosfield ‘08 of the Chester County District Attorney’s Office. The tournament was sponsored by Temple’s LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Alumni Association and the Pennsylvania Innocence Project (PIP), directed by Professor Marissa Bluestein, Director of PIP, and administered by Mary Beth Wilson.

TRIAL TEAM CHAMPIONS FROM LEFT: EMILIA MCKEE-VASSALLO ’14, CAROLINE POWER ’14, MICHELLE ASHCROFT ’14 AND BRITT WALDEN ’14.
Clinical program ranks in top twenty in U.S. law schools

Temple Law School was cited as a top school for providing students with a wide range of high quality clinical opportunities in PreLaw magazine’s winter 2014 issue. Temple was the only law school in the Philadelphia region to appear in the top twenty, with Yale Law School holding the number one spot. The article’s authors ranked law schools based on “most clinical opportunities” by dividing the total number of filled slots in full-time clinical course offerings by the number of full-time students.

Temple has been recognized as a leader in clinical legal education since opening the Temple Legal Aid Office in 1953. Today, in addition to the three in-house clinics offered through Legal Aid, Temple offers 28 external clinics in a variety of settings that include civil litigation, criminal defense and prosecution, bankruptcy, and tax as well as more unique offerings like a disaster relief clinic through the Red Cross of Southeastern PA and an internship in the Philadelphia D.A.’s Charging Unit. New this spring is the social justice lawyering clinic and seminar, which will be held at Temple’s new Stephen and Sandra Sheller Center for Social Justice.

Black Student’s Guide gives Temple Law high marks

Temple Law was ranked 17th among the top 25 law schools nationally for black law students in the 2014 Black Student’s Guide to Law Schools. In the guide, published by Lawyers of Color, Temple and the University of Pennsylvania are the only regional schools to appear on the list. Leading the pack are historically top-ranked schools Harvard, Stanford, University of Chicago, Howard, and Yale; Temple edged out other prestigious schools like Northwestern, University of Maryland, Notre Dame, Cornell, Vanderbilt, and Emory. Rankings are based on metrics that include job placement rates and black student and faculty percentages.

Grads net public health awards

NOVEMBER 2013 The Health Law section of the American Public Health Association gave out two awards for best abstracts submitted to the annual APHA conference. The winner of the student category was recent graduate Sarah Hexem ’13, shown above with Professor Scott Burris, who directs the Center for Health Law, Policy and Practice and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Public Health Law Research program. Hexem’s presentation was based on a paper she wrote for Professor Frank McClellan. The winner of the professional category was Corey Davis ’05, who presented a project on prescription drug monitoring that was funded by the Public Health Law Research Program.

MORE ACCOLADES for Dean Epps

National Jurist Magazine has named Temple Law Dean JoAnne A. Epps among the 25 most influential people in legal education in 2013, noting that when she became dean six years ago she did so with a “vision for the law school that includes not just curricular innovation and increased experiential opportunity, but an emphasis on institutional agility and responsiveness.” National Jurist noted that when Epps assumed the deanship in 2008 and the profession was at a tipping point, Epps was instrumental in moving legal education away from a one-size-fits-all model.

Although it is her first time on the National Jurist list, it is not the first time Epps has garnered national and regional attention. She has appeared in Lawyers of Color Magazine’s selection of the top 100 black lawyers. In 2012, 2013 and 2014 she was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania. In 2009 Epps received the Sandra Day O’Connor Award, conferred annually by the Philadelphia Bar Association, and was also selected by the PBA to deliver the Higginbotham Lecture for that year.

Follow Dean Epps on Twitter: @JoAnneAEpps

Future lawyer sings

Third-year law student Teena Handline ’14 has performed numerous times in theaters and choirs, recorded original music, and sung with student organizations including Women’s Rea and Habeas Chorus, two a cappella groups at Temple Law School. But it was a YouTube video in which she sang the National Anthem at last year’s Deans’ Cup basketball game that earned Handline a chance to perform live on Philadelphia’s Wired 96.5 FM, where she was one of five contestants to compete for front-of-the-line passes to NBC’s reality competition, The Voice. Despite her successful bid to move to the front of the line in Philly, Handline didn’t make it through to the LA auditions; even so, she continues with both performing and an interest in the legal side of sports and entertainment.

Sarah Hexem ’13 with Professor Scott Burris
LEARNING TO BE LAWYERS, FROM DAY ONE

National Jurist calls Temple’s transactional program for first-year students among ‘most innovative.’

“Law schools now recognize . . . that graduates must be better prepared to hit the ground running,” writes Michelle Weyenberg in an article in the National Jurist. “Law schools are experimenting like never before. Most of the recent innovations are designed to bring practical training into the law school curriculum. And the number of different innovations is almost mind-boggling.”

From among that “mind-boggling” array, Temple Law is singled out for its cutting-edge programs to respond to the changing demands on law school education.

Weyenberg describes the three-year old Introduction to Transactional Skills (ITS) as one of the fifteen most exciting “experiments” being pioneered around the country. In 2011, Professors Edward Ellers, David Hoffman and Eleanor Myers developed the innovative two-week program. Within the first few weeks of their first year in law school, students leave the classroom to participate in an intensive course introducing them to working on a business deal.

Professor Myers describes ITS as “an intensive hands-on experience in which students begin to develop their problem solving and client management skills.” Students are divided into teams of two and introduced to their respective clients, a chef and a financier who want to become partners to set up and run a restaurant. This is when they are asked to “hit the ground running.”

The interviewing skills they learn in class are immediately implemented as they explore the needs of their clients in a series of interviews with upper level students, many of whom have already participated during their second year in Temple’s acclaimed Introduction to Transactional Practice. Next, negotiation skills come into play as students reconcile the needs of their two clients and draft clauses for the contracts needed to set up the venture. They write a term sheet and an employment agreement for the chef. Their final negotiation exercise is conducted in front of a practicing lawyer who gives feedback and encouragement to these budding lawyers.

The course develops strategic thinking, interviewing, negotiating, and drafting skills, say the course instructors, and introduces the students to the world of deal-making and transactional planning. The program has its own website and all documents are submitted electronically. In addition, students have the opportunity to collaborate on-line in drafting them.

“We hoped that ITS would complement the Law School’s traditional strength in trial advocacy by introducing students to transactional lawyering earlier in their careers,” says Professor Hoffman. “The course has succeeded beyond our wildest expectations.”

For two weeks, students participate in lectures, small-group workshops, and a simulation where two-person teams represent clients joining together in a new venture and work to navigate issues confronting the small restaurant business.

“Many students have identified this experience as the turning point after which they began to see themselves not just as law students, but as future lawyers,” says Professor Eleanor Myers.
LEN BERNSTEIN ‘83 is the new managing partner in the Philadelphia office of Reed Smith. Bernstein is a member of the firm’s financial industry group and heads the financial services regulatory group.

In January 2014 the Montgomery Bar Association installed MICHAEL F. ROGERS, JD ‘83, LLM IN TAXATION ‘86 as the new president. Rogers is a shareholder in the Blue Bell, PA firm of Salvo Rogers & Elinski, where he is chair of the tax and estates department.

Dechert named JUDY LEONE ‘84 managing partner of its Philadelphia office beginning January 2014. Since joining the firm immediately after graduation from law school, Leone has led teams in the defense of individual and class actions involving products liability, consumer fraud, warranty, negligence and misrepresentation claims.

PETER M. HARRISON ‘85 has left Post & Schell to join the Philadelphia office of Weber Gallagher as a partner in the firm’s workers’ compensation group.

An article by JANIS L. WILSON ‘86 appeared on the front page of the Sisters in Crime Newsletter Wilson, a crime writer, recently appeared as a commentator on two episodes of Deadly Affairs, a program on the Investigation Discovery Channel.


RALPH R. SMITH III ‘89 recently spoke on best practices in labor and employment law at a human resources seminar sponsored by Lorman Education Services. Smith is a shareholder and vice chairman of the labor and employment department of the Mt. Laurel, NJ firm of Capehart Scatchard.

1990s
First Federal of Bucks County announced the addition of KRISTA HARPER ‘90 to its board of directors. Harper is currently attorney and shareholder of Harper Business Law, where she provides legal counsel in the areas of business, real estate, and succession planning.

RANDY MANILOFF ‘91, an attorney at White and Williams, interviewed Judge Richard Posner of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, for Manillof’s insurance law newsletter, Coverage Opinions. Maniloff also interviewed Ralph Nader, focusing on Nader’s planned American Museum of Tort Law, being built in Winsted, CT. The versatile Maniloff (under his stage name Randy Spencer) was also the winner of the annual John DeBella Stand-up Comedy Competition on WMGK 102.9 FM in Philadelphia.

HARVEY RICE ‘91 was unanimously selected by the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, the state board that oversees Philadelphia’s finances, to serve as the organization’s new executive director. Rice assumed the position in January 2014 after serving as the city controller’s chief of staff for the past eight years.

OTTO W. IMMEL ‘92 has been appointed to serve on the board of directors of the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. Immel is a partner in the Naples, FL office of Quarles & Brady. Where he counsels and represents employers in a wide variety of workplace related litigation. He is active in civic organizations, and earlier this year was honored by The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Economic Partnership Volunteer of the Year.

ROBERT A. SUAREZ ‘92 has joined the New York office of Ropes & Gray as an associate. Suarez focuses on defense litigation with an emphasis on maritime commercial matters.

MICHAEL LINN ‘93 recently joined Provizio Medisolutions as a business development account manager. Provizio is a provider of lien resolution services and Medicare Secondary Payer Act compliance solutions.

KIM R. SMITH ‘94 has been named managing partner of the 18-attorney Lancaster, PA firm of Hartman Underhill & Brubaker. Smith, whose practice focuses on school, municipal, employment and labor law issues, joined the firm in 1995 and has been a partner since 2002.

1970s
NEIL A. MORRIS ‘79 joined the firm of Ofit Kurman in January 2014. Morris, who will chair the Philadelphia-based labor and employment law practice, has served as special labor counsel for more than 35 Pennsylvania townships and boroughs.

PHYLIS HORN EPSTEIN, JD ‘80, LLM IN TAXATION ‘84 of Epstein, Shapiro & Epstein, spoke on new and expiring business tax laws at the NBI Business Tax Planning Conference in December 2013. Epstein concentrates her practice in the areas of taxation, corporation transaction, non-profits and estates.

The American Bar Association’s litigation section has released a new guide to help lawyers construct more effective briefs that present compelling client stories and result in favorable rulings. A Brief Guide to Brief Writing: Demystifying the Memorandum of Law is authored by JANET S. KOLE ‘80, who was a litigator for more than 30 years before becoming a full-time writer.

The Chester County, PA District Attorney’s Office announced the promotion of RONALD YEN ‘80 to chief deputy district attorney. The position was vacated by the departure of Patrick Carmody to the Common Pleas Court bench. Yen has prosecuted a number of high-profile Chester County murder cases in the past several years.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter named BARBARA ASH ‘82 as the recipient of the annual Richardson Dilworth Award for Distinguished Public Service. Ash is Chief Deputy City Solicitor in the City Law Department, where she has practiced since 1991. In her current position, Ash represents the child welfare unit of the Department of Human Services.

Rawle & Henderson partner THOMAS A. KUZMICK ‘82 has joined the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, a nonpartisan alliance composed of insurance companies, corporations, corporate counsel, litigation and risk managers, claims professionals and attorneys. Kuzmick is chair of Rawle & Henderson’s product liability section.

Brothers on the bench
Daniel McCaffrey '91 sworn in by Seamus McCaffrey '89
JANUARY 10, 2104 At the ceremony for newly elected judges, proud members of the McCaffery family watched as Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice SEAMUS MCCAFFREY ‘89 swore in his younger brother DANIEL D. MCCAFFREY ‘91. The younger McCaffery was elected in the fall to take his place among seven new judges the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The swearing-in ceremony, held at the Academy of Music in Center City, is part of the city’s formal inaugural held in January following the general elections in the fall.

The younger McCaffery’s ascent to the bench followed a career as a Philadelphia assistant district attorney in the major trials division and later as a litigator and shareholder at Friedman Schuman, a Montgomery County, PA firm where he specialized in complex commercial litigation, business disputes and municipal litigation.

The elder Justice McCaffery has been on the bench since 1993 when, after a stint in the military, twenty years on the police force, and putting himself through college and law school, he ran successfully for a seat on the Municipal Court in Philadelphia. He first seized the public’s attention in 1998 when, with the support of City Council, he developed and served as judge for the “Eagles Court”, an ad hoc court created to deal with unruly fans at Philadelphia Eagles games. He went on to serve on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and was elected to the Supreme Court in 2007.
Larry Dubinski ’00 picked to head Franklin Institute

Dubinski, who also serves as general counsel and secretary, was chosen by the institute’s search committee with unanimous support from the board of trustees. Dubinski has had two stints with the museum, the first beginning in 1996. Before his current role, he was first a senior vice president of external affairs and general counsel, and later became executive vice president. After graduating from law school in 2000, he joined the law firm of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius before returning to the institute in 2004.

Pablo Riberi, LLM ’95 is Max Planck Institute fellow

International legal scholar PABLO RIBERI, LLM ’95 has been awarded a fellowship at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany. Riberi is a professor of constitutional law in his native Argentina, with appointments at the School of Law of the National University of Córdoba and at the School of Political Science of the Catholic University of Córdoba. Riberi has maintained a strong connection to Temple Law, returning as a Scholar of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy in 2003 and in 2012.

Alum debut novel wins high praise

According to Kirkus Review, Elizabeth Silver ’08 “has written a darkly witty, acerbic jigsaw puzzle of a first novel about legal versus moral culpability...[and] explores convolutions of guilt and innocence beyond the law’s narrow scope with a sharpness and attention to detail that can be unnerving but demands attention.” In November 2013, Silver returned to Temple Law to discuss The Execution of Noa P. Singleton, which has—in addition to garnering critical acclaim—been optioned for a film. Professor David Sonenshein facilitated the discussion in which he and Silver explored her perspective on legal writing as a form of storytelling.

David A. Surbeck ’94 has been promoted to partner at Reed Smith in the firm’s Philadelphia office. Surbeck practices in the firm’s financial industry group.

Marissa Boyers Bluestine ’95, Legal Director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and adjunct professor at Temple Law, was the 2013 recipient of the Bar Association’s Andrew Hamilton Award. The award is presented to a lawyer who has “demonstrated a life-long commitment to serving the public interest.” Bluestine has been legal director at the Pennsylvania Innocence Project since its founding in 2009.

Gregory T. Mayes ’95 was named to the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Advaxis in fall 2013. Advaxis, based in Princeton, NJ, is a clinical-stage biotechnology company that develops immunotherapies for cancer and infectious diseases.

Sergio Scuteri ’91 was elected partner at the firm of Capelhart Scatchard, where he focuses his practice on commercial bankruptcy, banking and commercial litigation.

In November 2013, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams named JACQUELINE COELHO ’96 to serve as deputy bureau chief of his office’s Northeast Division. Assistant District Attorney Coelho, who grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, joined the DA’s office as a prosecutor immediately after law school and has been the lead prosecutor in more than 60 jury trials.

Cyrus Daftary, LLM in Taxation ’96 is the new chairperson of the IRS’s Electronic Tax Administration advisory committee. Daftary, of Newton, MA, is a partner with Burt, Staples & Manoe.

Benjamin R. Kuhn ’96 has become a member of Ragsdale Liggett’s commercial real estate group. He left his practice at The Kuhn Law Firm to join the Raleigh, NC-based firm. Kuhn also serves as the consumer protection attorney for the North Carolina Bar Association real property section and is a founding member, past president, and current board member of the Real Estate Lawyers Association of North Carolina.

Bernadette A. Kearney ’97, of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, recently spoke about zoning law to the Zoning Officers’ Association at a seminar in Montgomery County, PA. Kearney’s practice focuses on municipal, real estate, zoning and bankruptcy law matters. She is a past member of the board of directors of the Montgomery Bar Association, and the current vice chair of the real estate committee.

Spilman Thomas & Battle recently announced that GERALD E. LOFSTEAD III ’97 has joined the firm’s Wheeling, WV office in the corporate and litigation department.

Andrew F. Pratt ’98 has joined the Washington office of Venable as a partner in the intellectual property litigation practice. Pratt was previously at the Washington firm of Adduci, Mashtani & Schuumberg.

Randi L. Rubin ’98 was named a partner at Keir Harrison Harvey Branzburg, where she practices family law. She was also recently appointed to the executive committee of the family law section of the Philadelphia Bar Association and named chair of the custody committee of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

The Philadelphia firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel has admitted STEPHANIE J. SPRENKLE, JD ’97, LLM ’99, to the firm’s partnership in the business and finance practice group.

Mark J. Davis ’00 has joined the Law Office of Michael S. Connor in Lafayette Hill, PA. The firm concentrates in the areas of elder law, guardianship, and estate planning and administration. Utah Governor Gary Herbert has appointed TUPAKK A.G. Renteria ’00 to fill a vacancy on the 3rd District Juvenile Court. Since 2007, Renteria has been a deputy district attorney in Salt Lake County, UT, prosecuting felony cases involving sexual and physical abuse of children and sexual offenses against adults.

Alisa E. Moen ’01 was recently appointed general counsel of the Dallas, TX-based company Dillon Gage, where she has worked for six years as legal counsel. Moen was also named president of Diamond State Depository and president of International Depository Services of Canada, both subsidiaries of international metals dealer Dillon Gage Metals.

Michelle Piscopo ’01 has been elected of counsel in the Philadelphia office of Blank Rome, where she practices matrimonial law. Piscopo was elected as an officer of the Nicholas A. Cipriani Family Law American Inn of Court in Philadelphia in 2013.

Matthew A. Green ’03 has been named partner at the Philadelphia firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel. Green is a partner in the commercial litigation practice group and the labor relations and employment law department.

Christina Houston ’03 has left K&L Gates to join DLA Piper. Houston will work in the firm’s corporate and finance practice as a partner in the Wilmington, DE office.

On January 22, 2014, LINDA A. KERNS ’03 appeared as a guest of Marty Moss-Coane on WHYY’s Radio Times to discuss voter integrity issues and the recent Pennsylvania Voter ID ruling from the Commonwealth Court. Korns is principal in the Law Offices of Linda A. Korns and has represented Republican candidates and voters in Philadelphia Election Court for more than ten years.

Ethan O’Shea, Academy of Advocacy ’03 was recently named chair of the Montgomery Bar Association’s employment and labor law committee.

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Lee went on to earn a dual degree in international relations and general management at Michigan State University, where he completed specializations in Asian studies and international business. Along the way, he has worked and studied in Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo and Seoul, and is fluent in both English and Korean, with a working knowledge of Mandarin Chinese and Japanese.

MILLIONS AT STAKE FOR MLB

The launch of GSI is timely. While Asian players comprise about two percent of the major league player population, that number is growing and as a result of this growth, Major League Baseball (MLB) has set up regional offices in Tokyo and Beijing. During the 2013 season, approximately 50 Asian-born players competed in MLB and its farm systems.

Literally millions of dollars are at stake. “A smooth transition can mean a long and successful MLB career, while a failed transition will likely mean a short and uninspired career for the player, and a substantial economic loss for the team,” says Jacobsen, principal of GSI. “These challenges have played a part in the premature end of the careers of several high profile Asian signees.”

SUZANNE F. CONABOY ’12 has joined Myers, Brier & Kelly in Scranton, PA as an associate. Conaboy has practiced clinical pediatric oncology nursing at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia before entering law school.

PETER K. SMYTH ’12 has joined the law firm of Callister & Lupin. Smyth graduated from Temple’s dual degree program in 2010.

MARYKATE KELLY ’13 has joined Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Girard of Lansdale, PA as an associate attorney. Kelly’s practice focuses on auto and general liability work.

2010s

CLAIREDONATOEDWARDS’11 has joined the Orange County, CA office of Snell & Wilmer as an associate.

WHITNEYS. GRAHAM ’11 recently joined the board of directors of Green Valleys Watershed Association, a Chester County-based organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the quality and quantity of water resources in the area. Graham is an associate at Graham & Maurer, a personal injury firm with offices in Valley Forge and Harrisburg, where she focuses her practice on automobile accidents and premises liability.
Temple legal trio launches
GLOBAL SPORTING INTEGRATION

Firm will ease crucial transition period for Asian baseball players coming to U.S.

Some third-year law students know exactly what they hope to do after graduation, and then some—like Han Gil Lee ‘14—are already doing it. Lee is the chief executive officer of Global Sporting Integration (GSI), a consulting firm that will ease the transition for Minor and Major League Baseball players coming from Asian countries to play in the U.S.

GSI is a service, says Lee and his colleagues Temple Law Practice Professor Kenneth A. Jacobsen and former Temple Law Professor N. Jeremio Duru, that fills an urgent need for both aspiring players and the franchises that are investing in a growing pipeline of players from Asia. The company, launched in December 2013 by CEO Lee and firm principles Jacobsen and Duru, combines a shared passion for baseball with deep expertise in sports law and management.

Duru, who left Temple in 2012 to join the faculty of American University Washington College of Law, has published and taught widely in the area of sports law and has for years counseled sports industry professionals and entities with respect to employment matters. In recognition of his work, the National Bar Association honored Duru with its 2005 Sports and Entertainment Lawyer of the Year award.

Jacobsen, who has lectured on sports law and taught trial advocacy and litigation courses at Temple, is a lawyer and entrepreneur whose business interests include his partnership in the Wilmington Blue Rocks, a single “A” affiliate of the Kansas City Royals. Through his law office and sports marketing companies Sports Concepts and Jacobsen Sports Advisors, Jacobsen provides legal advisory and consulting services to professional athletes on promotions, product endorsements, appearances and other marketing activities in the Philadelphia area.

The path that led Lee to Temple Law, and his collaboration with Duru and Jacobsen began when, at the age of 15, Lee left South Korea to attend high school in the U.S. After struggling with language and cultural challenges, Lee found refuge on his high school baseball team. He says that baseball broke down barriers he once thought insurmountable and exposed him to what this new country had to offer.

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