TEMPLE AGAIN NAMED #1 IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

Temple’s trial team won the 2001 Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) Competition held in New Orleans. Ranked the number one law school in trial advocacy by US News & World Report for the third consecutive year, the team’s performance proves that the ranking is well-deserved.

In winning its second ATLA national championship in four years, the team defeated twenty-five other regional winners and runners-up during the four-day tournament. Semi-finalists in 1999, Temple last won the tournament in 1998. The new ATLA champs are Laura Carlin, Alicia Freind, Gabe Levin, and John Mattiacci. They were coached by Marissa Boyers ’95, Director of LL.M. in Trial Advocacy John T. Drost, Randy Goldman, LL.M. ’96, James Gavin, LL.M. ’98, and Richard Negrin.

The competition file involved a claim of medical malpractice based on a failure to diagnose. Representing both the plaintiff and defendant in different rounds, Temple tried the case six times in four days before juries composed of ATLA trial lawyers from across the country. 203 teams from 119 law schools began the road to New Orleans by competing in 13 regional competitions in early March.

During the same weekend, another of Temple’s National Trial Teams took quarterfinalist honors in the National Trial Competition championship rounds in Dallas. It was Temple’s tenth trip to the elite eight in eleven years.

The team of Cristina Marinucci and Mark Nebrig represented both the prosecution and defense in a case charging first degree murder. The team was coached by Kevin Toth ’98, Greg Hillyer ’00, and Director of Advocacy Programs Cristi Charpentier. Temple was the only school in the country to have its teams survive the “cut” and advance to the round of the elite eight in both national tournaments.

Chinese judges, government officials and lawyers benefit from Temple’s “rule of law” program

On April 26, 34 of China’s top legal professionals walked down the aisle as graduates of Temple University’s Beasley School of Law/Beijing Master of Laws program. The group, which includes six judges nominated by the Supreme People’s Court of China, have attended classes in Beijing for the last two years as well as coming to Philadelphia for an intensive summer of study in 2000.

The festive American-style ceremony, held at the downtown campus of China’s University of Political Science and Law, was officiated by Dean Robert J. Reinstein. Assistant Dean Adelaide Ferguson, Professors Eleanor Myers, Professor Jan Ting, and Professor Mo Zhang, director of this pioneering LL.M. program, attended the ceremony.

The class is made up of Chinese judges, law professors, and numerous government officials and lawyers.

“I am very impressed with what I have learned about the American legal system, and I am sure that the knowledge will prove useful in future dealings with American businesses as well as international legal matters, particularly after China’s entry into the WTO,” said Lu Tao, a lawyer at the Department of Treaties and Law of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation.

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PROFESSOR WINS ALI-ABA AWARD

Professor David Sonenshein is recognized for commitment to upgrading advocacy skills of the trial bar.

The 2001 Francis Rawle Award, presented at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association next August, will go to Temple Law Professor David A. Sonenshein. As one of ALI-ABA and NITA’s most sought-after instructors, Sonenshein has taught generations of lawyers about taking and defending depositions, motion practice, evidence, and trial advocacy. He has lectured at numerous judicial conferences and has conducted CLE programs for more than 40 law firms and CLE organizations. In addition, he has written ground-breaking evidence handbooks for the federal courts as well as 15 state jurisdictions.

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Temple’s national championship trial team, from left: John T. Drost, coach and Director of LL.M. in Trial Advocacy, Laura Carlin ’02, Alicia Freind ’02, John Mattiacci ’02, Gabriel Levin ’02, and Marissa Boyers ’95, coach.
A collaborative effort between Temple Law and the university in China, the program was started in 1999 under the invitation of the Chinese Ministry of Justice. The first and only foreign law degree-granting program in the country, its purpose is to educate China’s attorneys in American and international law in order for the country to develop a sound legal system. The two-year LL.M. curriculum focuses on business, trade and commercial law, intellectual property and other courses fundamental to American and foreign legal systems, including American constitutional law.

This program gave me a unique opportunity to better understand the global legal system in which we all work,” said Jessica Zhao, an attorney at the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission. “Learning with American professors and legal experts has given me a depth of knowledge that I never would have had otherwise.”

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ALUMNI CERTIFICATE OF HONOR PRESENTED TO JUDGE LOWELL A. REED JR. ’58

Founder’s Day honoree has “served the law school in some capacity ever since graduation.”

Lowell A. Reed Jr., senior United States district judge, was the recipient of a Certificate of Honor, presented by the Temple Law Alumni Association at Founder’s Day Dinner on April 16. This was the second alumni award for Reed, who received the Special Achievement Award in 1988.

“I can’t think of anyone more deserving,” says Thomas D. Paradise ’88, president of the Law Alumni, who presented the certificate.

Associate Dean JoAnne A. Epps, standing in for Dean Robert Reinstein, who was in China, adds, “Judge Reed has had a lifetime of service to Temple, beginning with his receipt of the Law Academy of Philadelphia prize at graduation and continuing to the present time when he co-chairs Law Day. He has served Temple in some capacity ever since his graduation.”

The law school paid homage to Reed at a reception in Shusterman Hall before Founder’s Dinner. Attendees included his family, former students, law clerks, teachers and colleagues, illustrating, Epps says, “his remarkable ability to serve as a focal point for others.”

Reed began his connection with the Alumni Association in 1958, serving as the first-year graduate representative to the group. He has been a long-time member of the executive committee and, since the death of Judge Ethan Allen Doty ’31, has co-chaired Law Day with Judge Ida K. Chen ’76.

Other service to Temple includes teaching Temple graduate students about workmen’s compensation law from 1966 to 1981. An expert in this area, he authored one of the earliest workmen’s compensation practice manuals for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and co-authored updates until 1987. He serves as faculty adviser for the Academy of Advocacy, and as founding president and now master of the bench of the Temple American Inn of Court.

A one-room schoolhouse

Although he was born in West Chester, Reed grew up near Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, where he attended a one-room school. His father was a partner in a domestic mink farm. Reed says, “I worked on the mink farm, learned how to feed them and catch and skin them. If there wasn’t work there, I worked on the dairy farms."

School was a mile away and the children walked back and forth, often in sub-zero weather. Reed was an apt student who listened to the lessons of the older students and skipped a grade. Later he graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School, the first free high school in the northwest territories.

In addition to his farm work, Reed delivered Avon products on a bike when he was 12 or 13, set pins in a bowling alley and changed tires and greased cars for Firestone Stores, a company he would later represent.

“I literally worked my way through school, even high school,” he says. Admitted to the University of Wisconsin, he attended extension school for one year and then moved to Madison, where he majored in business administration.

After four years of college, Reed needed a few credits towards graduation. “Instead of just going to summer school, I bit the bullet and made my decision to go to law school, using a couple of those courses to finish my degree,” he says.

He graduated in 1952, during the Korean War. In short order, he was drafted, enlisted in the Navy and applied to Officer Candidate School. After attending boot camp and receiving the American Spirit Honor Medal, he was accepted into OCS in Newport, Rhode Island.

A Temple connection

Reed (who now holds the rank of Lt. Commander Ret.) was next accepted at the Naval Intelligence School in Washington, D.C., and later assigned to the Pentagon, pending assignment overseas.

During this busy time, Reed met Diane Benson, who was a graduate student at Temple University. “We had a whirlwind, wartime type of romance,” Reed says. “We met the week before Thanksgiving in 1953 and we got married January 23, 1954.”

His new wife had agreed to work the rest of the academic year as a secretary for John Anthony Brown, dean of students at Temple. “She honored that commitment, and I went off to Hawaii and the Philippines,” Reed says.

Later, after the Reeds returned from a tour of duty in Asia, Reed was assigned to Washington, D.C., where he attended night law classes at George Washington University. In 1957, he enrolled at Temple, his third law school. He needed a preceptor, and through the efforts of Dean Brown and Dean Benjamin Boyer, was introduced to Ethan Allen Doty, who agreed to serve. When Doty became a judge, he hired Reed as his first law clerk. “He was the key,” Reed says.

After the clerkship, Reed honed his litigation skills as in-house counsel at the PMA Insurance Company, specializing in medical/legal litigation. In 1963, he joined Rawle and Henderson, where he concentrated in the areas of medical malpractice, toxic torts, occupational injury, products liability and complex litigation.

Appointed as a federal judge by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, Reed has officiated over many controversial and complex cases and has published some 500 opinions. Two early cases were the conviction of General Electric on 221 counts of criminal liability for fraud against the Army Department, a case that took three months to try; and the Northeast Women’s Center, Inc. v. McConnell, in which a group of abortion protesters were found guilty of criminal trespass and enjoined against certain disruptive protests at the center. He had early experience with asbestos cases, and over the years worked both as a lawyer and as a judge on the claims of thousands of asbestos victims.

Making headlines recently have been Reed’s preliminary injunction blocking the Child Online Protection Act, and a recent mandate ordering the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) to provide next-day service to the disabled 100 percent of the time.

Active in many professional organizations, Reed was president of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel, chairman of the Medico Legal Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, a member of the American Judicature Society and a course planner and lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

His community activities include serving as a past trustee of the Abington Memorial Hospital Foundation, as an elder and trustee of the Abington Presbyterian Church and on the Abington Board of School Directors.

“Lawyers are very unique people, who owe something to their community beyond their profession,” he says. “They are the problem solvers of this country and they owe it to public organizations to get involved in community service of some kind.

The Reeds have four adult children, and he says, “like many fathers of my generation, I recognize that I stole some time from my children, and I regret that. . . . But I have been exhilarated and satisfied with trying to serve the law, the community, and my children, by example.

“It has been an incredible ride and it’s not over yet.”

— Janet Blom Shea
Like a growing number of their classmates, Steven JohnsonGrove ‘01 and Lee Carpenter ‘00 entered law school committed to public interest law and once there they found the support to pursue that commitment. Starting in the fall, both Carpenter and JohnsonGrove will begin prestigious fellowships awarded by Philadelphia foundations established to help launch public interest careers in law. As a recipient of a National Public Interest Law (NAPIL) fellowship, Carpenter will work for two years at the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, providing legal representation to victims of anti-LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) hate crime, and victims of same-sex domestic violence. An Independence Foundation fellowship will enable JohnsonGrove to spend a year—with an option to renew for a second year—providing legal assistance to homeless veterans through the Homeless Advocacy Project.

Carpenter’s connection to the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights was forged in law school. “I worked at the center between my second and third year of law school,” says Carpenter. “In my third year, I helped them start the only law student-run clinic in the country that focuses solely on direct legal representation for LGBT clients.”

JohnsonGrove’s tie to the community he will be working with started before law school. After graduating from Penn State, he decided to spend a “mission year” living in a faith-based community in Kensington. “It was a very relational situation, getting to know the community, to know one another, to identify with poor and suffering people in the city.”

“It cemented my plan to go to law school,” he continues. “But I didn’t want to do it without first being sure of the community I would be serving.”

Last summer JohnsonGrove did an internship at the Homeless Advocacy Project, where he provided legal services in the areas of divorce, SSI, welfare benefits, housing, and custody. Starting in September he will start a clinic for homeless veterans at Students Veterans Building on Fourth Street in Old City.

Both future fellows credit the law school’s new public interest office, run by Karen Forman, with being a significant boon to getting started in a public interest career. JohnsonGrove adds, “Director of Trial Advocacy] Christi Charpentier really gave me a solid foundation and love of trial advocacy in ‘Intro to Trial Ad’—and she remains a friend.”

They were also helped in the application process by Professors Susan DeJarnatt and Katherine Stanchi, who serve on the faculty public interest committee. “Professors DeJarnatt and Stanchi were incredibly helpful and encouraging when it came to putting the application together,” says Carpenter. “They rock!”

She adds, “The Temple Law community is very focused on encouraging its students to pursue public interest careers when they graduate. I always felt that my goal of becoming a civil rights attorney was honored, both by my fellow students and by the faculty and administration of Temple.”
Jefferson knew that.

Post explains. "Jefferson had a complicated, fascinating vision of the world, the 'New World'—and was one of the thinkers who made it 'The New World.' "There is a real sense that thinking about cyberspace requires 'out-of-the-box' thinking, just as envisioning a new country did."

"Jefferson was grappling with are the same ones we are confronted with today in looking at new uses of the Internet: issues of language and domain."

With a working title of Declaring Independence: Notes from Jefferson's Cyberpace, Post has yet to decide on the final title of the book, but he is open to suggestions. Being open to new ideas has been paramount to the co-founder and director of the Cyberlaw Institute, a virtual think tank and gathering place for fellow pioneers in discussion of the Internet.

As associate professor at Temple Law School, Post is also a fellow at George Mason University. He has been central to the formation of a strong program in intellectual property law at Temple, which now boasts a flourishing Intellectual Property Law Society and an annual—well-attended—symposium (see page seven).

In addition to helping his students understand the intellectual property laws governing cyberspace, Post has delivered almost 50 talks and written more than 60 articles for such varied publications as the American Lawyer, the Computer Law Reporter; and the law reviews at Stanford and Vanderbilt Universities.

Post was a Yale-trained anthropologist teaching at Columbia when he decided to go to law school. After graduating summa cum laude from Georgetown in 1986, he spent six years in corporate law before leaving to clerk for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

After a short stint at teaching law at Georgetown, Post joined the Temple Law faculty in 1997. With a wife—Nancy Birdsell, an economist at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace—and a son in Washington, D.C., Post continues to commute to Philadelphia, claiming the train provides valuable uninterrupted time for writing and class preparation.

And of course he uses the time to keep current with the ever-changing world of cyberspace. "It is hard to write about 'facts' because they change so quickly. That's why using a framework—like Thomas Jefferson—gives me the kind of perspective I am looking for," Post explains.

"Live in the details and then jump back for the big picture. Jefferson knew that.

When Mitchell Morgan was featured in the Dean’s lecture series this spring, he could have chosen to talk about any number of issues. As president of Morgan Properties, a company he spent the last 20 years turning into the largest apartment owner in the tri-state area, Morgan has dealt with just about every aspect of real estate law and business. Instead he chose to speak about not practicing law.

"I went to law school with no expectation of ever practicing law, and I wanted to present that option for current students," says Morgan. "There are lots of us out there using our law degrees to do something other than law."

Morgan attended law school in the evening while working full-time as an accountant at Laventhol, an international accounting firm. After graduation he remained in the tax department of that firm, but within a year, he was drawn to real estate.

When Morgan joined Construction Consultants in 1981, it was one of the largest multi-family residential development companies in the greater Philadelphia area. There he learned the complexities of apartment construction and management.

Seeing the potential for growth in the area, Morgan started his own company in 1985. In the first year, Morgan Properties acquired a 1,385-unit project in Montgomery County. The rest, as they say, is history. Today Morgan Properties owns more than 11,000 apartment units in eight states, some as far away as Georgia and Indiana. With more than 350 employees, Morgan Properties continues to grow.

While the economic downturn from 1988 to 1992 posed a threat to some businesses, Morgan points out that the apartment business is more recession-proof. Even when home buying is slow, Morgan Properties’ occupancy rates have never dipped below 90%, and they currently stand at 97%.

"The real estate business is challenging and, like any business, there is risk involved," acknowledges Morgan. "But the more you know about a market, the less risk you are taking. When I acquire an apartment complex, I sleep like a baby because I have spent years learning the market. If I were buying a shopping center, I would feel differently."

In 1996 Morgan acquired a controlling interest in the largest brokerage firm in Philadelphia, Jackson-Cross Oncor International. Two years later, as chairman of the board, Morgan sold Jackson-Cross to Insignia Financial Group, a New York stock exchange company.

Morgan lives with his wife and three children—Jonathan, 16, Brittany, 13, and Jason, 10—by Bryn Mawr. He serves on the board of directors of the American Red Cross and Federation Housing, and is vice president of the Apartment Association of Greater Philadelphia.

When asked what a law degree has contributed to his career, Morgan replies without hesitation: "Confidence. I use every big law firm in Philadelphia in every type of transaction imaginable.

Law school gave me the confidence to deal with the attorneys I hire and the sophistication to fully understand the issues."
Joel Moldovsky has emigrated to Israel. In 1959 he had attended Hebrew University Law School in Jerusalem before starting at Temple Law School in 1963. His attorney sons, Ari and Brem, are taking over Joel’s practice in Philadelphia.

Robert J. Tuteur, J.D. ’72, LL.M. ’75 is a new partner of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley in its public finance department.

Robert G. Hanna of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggan was a speaker at the seventh annual municipal law section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association that was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania in March. Hanna’s presentation was entitled “Insurance Risk Management and the Incident.”

Steven H. Lupin has been named managing partner of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, and has also been appointed the vice chair of the bench bar committee of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Lupin specializes in commercial litigation, personal injury, and banking litigation.

Bless Young writes, “After retiring from the practice of law and moving to Park City, Utah to ski, I came out of retirement to accept the position of Assistant Attorney General (litigation division), Utah.”

Larry Scott Auerbach
has joined the National
Family Law. He is known for his work in the representation of clients in the construction, business, and insurance industries.

Michael S. Caccese has joined Kirkpatrick & Lockhart of Boston, Massachusetts, as a partner, focusing his practice on investment management and securities law. Before joining Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Caccese was general counsel for the Association for Investment Management and Research.

Mark S. Harris, a partner in the firm of Kraut, Harris, Maliszewski & Barlow, has been selected as an approved mediator by the Montgomery County Bar Association’s Davenport Dispute Resolution Center. The program uses alternative dispute resolution in settling civil disputes outside the courtroom.

Craig R. Tractenberg spoke at the 41st annual International Franchising Association conference in Las Vegas, Nevada in February, leading a roundtable discussion on “Maximizing Outcomes in Bankruptcy Proceedings.” Tractenberg practices with Buchanan Ingersoll, an international franchise and retail development firm, and chairs the franchise law subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Kevan F. Hirsch has joined Kaplan Stewart Meloff Breiter & Stein as a partner in the firm’s construction litigation and surety law group. Hirsch focuses his practice in the representation of clients in the construction, business, and insurance industries.

Lester G. Weinraub has been elected president of the Montgomery Trial Lawyers Association. He is also a director of the Montgomery Bar Association. Weinraub is the senior managing trial attorney at Weinraub, Hart & Miller in Norristown, Pennsylvania.
SONENSHEIN WINS ALL-ABA AWARD

In the 1970s and 1980s, Sonenshein initiated the practice of teaching evidence through the use of courtroom manuscripts and videotapes. The technique was so successful that it became the predominant method used to refresh federal judges and magistrates on the law of evidence in courses taught at the Federal Judicial Center. But it is in the area of small group hands-on programs that he has pioneered training and teaching techniques that have propelled the “learn by doing” skills-training methodology to prominence in many educational venues.

Sonenshein served as director of ALL-ABA’s American Institute for Law Training Within the Office from 1988 to 1996 and as an instructor since then. He has taught at the law school since 1983, continued from page one where he was the 1994, 1997, and 2000 recipient of the Williams Award for excellence in teaching.

The Francis Rawle Award

Originally funded by the Philadelphia law firm of Rawle and Henderson, the Francis Rawle Award was established in 1983 to recognize outstanding contributions to the continuing education of the legal profession. Francis Rawle (1843-1930) was a Philadelphia lawyer who was instrumental in organizing the American Bar Association and who served as its first treasurer in 1878 and as its president in 1902. Rawle’s original library is preserved in toto in the Rawle Room of Temple’s law library.

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IN MEMORIAM

1989
Steven A. Hann, of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, has been appointed chair of the Environmental Committee of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Hann specializes in environmental law, copyright law, and Internet law.

1992
Samuel S. Choy has joined the employee benefits group of Kilpatrick Stockton’s Atlanta, Georgia, office. Choy concentrates his practice on ERISA, employee benefits, and executive compensation.

Scott E. Cooper, a partner with Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, has been named as 2001 co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s labor and employment committee. Cooper focuses his practice on employment discrimination claims and labor relations.

1993
Irene Flores Cooney writes, “I am an attorney with Legal Services of central New York, in Syracuse, in its AIDS project. I was admitted to the New York State Bar in January 2000. I was also named as a ’judge’ for the County Bar Association’s High School Mock Trial, and also as an adviser for the AILA regional competition.”

1994
Steven Brill and Joseph Sullivan write, “We have finally taken the plunge we have dreamed of since law school, forming Sullivan & Brill in New York City. We both left secure positions, however every day has been exciting, challenging, and rewarding. The firm focuses on personal injury, criminal defense, and real estate.”

1995

1998
John M. Bacon writes, “I have left Ballard Spahr and Philadelphia and I am now a vice president and business development manager for Salomon Smith Barney Philanthropic Services, based in New York City.”

John F. Street. Fletman is a partner in Wolf, Block, Shorr & Solis-Cohen, concentrating his practice on all phases of patent prosecution, opinion work and due diligence investigations in the areas of electronics, computer hardware and software, and Internet technologies.

Lori Portnic has joined the Philadelphia office of AGL Life Assurance Company in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. Ridyard was formerly a corporate associate at Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel in its Exton, Pennsylvania office.

Julie E. Snyder has joined the Philadelphia office of White and Williams as an associate in the casualty department.

Kevin Grubb has founded Kevin C. Grubb, a firm specializing in the defense of toxic tort, products liability, and environmental coverage actions.

Paul McConnell and Suzanne McConnell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Kelly McConnell. Paul is a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, currently serving as the chief prosecutor at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Dawne Simon-Ponté and Devlin Ponté are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Damali Simon-Ponté in September 2000.

1999
Scott A. McKeown has joined Rater & Prestia as an associate in the Valley Forge, Pennsylvania office, where he will focus on patent prosecution mainly in the electrical and computer-related technologies.

Inch Monica Mosley joined the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, District Attorney’s Office as an assistant district attorney. Mosley was formerly with Kata, Janison & Van der Veen.

Leon Pasker is an attorney with the regional solicitor’s office of the U.S. Department of Labor in Philadelphia.

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Amy B. Miner has joined Drinker Biddle & Reath as an associate in the litigation department of the firm’s Philadelphia office. Miner was previously an intellectual property litigation associate at Alston & Byrd in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Steven Brill and Joseph Sullivan write, “We have finally taken the plunge we have dreamed of since law school, forming Sullivan & Brill in New York City. We both left secure positions, however every day has been exciting, challenging, and rewarding. The firm focuses on personal injury, criminal defense, and real estate.”


Clark A. Jabloen has been named counsel in the Philadelphia office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. Jabloen is a patent attorney who concentrates his practice on all phases of patent prosecution, opinion work and due diligence investigations in the areas of electronics, computer hardware and software, and Internet technologies.

Lori Portnic has joined the Philadelphia office of AGL Life Assurance Company in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. Ridyard was formerly a corporate associate at Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel in its Exton, Pennsylvania office.

Julie E. Snyder has joined the Philadelphia office of White and Williams as an associate in the casualty department.

Kevin Grubb has founded Kevin C. Grubb, a firm specializing in the defense of toxic tort, products liability, and environmental coverage actions.

Paul McConnell and Suzanne McConnell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Kelly McConnell. Paul is a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, currently serving as the chief prosecutor at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

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In addition to surveying physicians, the project will identify next steps for increasing physician involvement in IDU care by reducing attitudinal or other factors inhibiting care, and conduct new legal research on emerging issues, such as the obligation of insurers to pay for prescribed needles.

"In the past, physicians claimed that they did not prescribe syringes to IDUs because it would violate state and federal laws aimed at combating drug abuse, or result in a malpractice claim," says Burris. "Our analysis shows that—in most places—these concerns are unfounded. Now—with the help of this grant—we can begin to spread the word, and combat the other factors that keep physicians from offering these services that can be of both clinical and public health importance."

Burris has emerged as a leader in the field of AIDS/HIV law. In addition to his previous grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Burris was awarded a $227,400 grant from the American Foundation for AIDS Research in 2000. He also serves as counsel for the AIDS and Civil Liberties Project of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania. A member of the Temple Law faculty since 1991, Burris teaches public health law, disability law, and civil procedure.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which funds the Substance Abuse Policy Research Program, is the nation's largest philanthropic organization devoted exclusively to health and healthcare. The foundation concentrates its grant making in areas to assure that all Americans have access to basic healthcare at reasonable cost; to improve the way services are organized and provided to people with chronic health conditions; and to reduce the personal, social, and economic harm caused by substance abuse—tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.