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Professor Edward Ohlbaum, Director of Trial Advocacy and Clinical Legal Education, adds, “At any point, approximately 75 percent of our students are taking trial advocacy courses. That strong focus on trial advocacy breeds success for attorneys of all levels, as evidenced by the consistent triumphs of our national championship trial team and the excellent hiring rate of our graduates.”

**Trial Team Captures 2003 NACDL Championship**

As the highest scoring law school mock trial team in the country, Temple’s national trial team continues on its winning streak. This year the team successfully defended its championship in the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Competition for the third time in the last five years. The team took semi-finalist honors in the National Institute of Trial Advocacy’s Tournament of Champions and finished as quarterfinalist in the American College of Trial Lawyers’ National Trial Competition. Temple has won three NTC national championships and secured at least quarterfinalist or “elite eight” placement in twelve of the last thirteen years. This past spring the team won its fifteenth consecutive NTC regional championship—and PaTLA’s Murray S. Love Award—a feat unparalleled in law school trial competition.

Temple Law School’s March 21, 2003 symposium set the stage for a re-enactment of Apple v. Franklin, the landmark case which extended copyright protection to computer software for the first time. Hosted by the Temple Environmental Law and Technology Journal and the Temple Intellectual Property Law Society, the symposium provided a forum for more than 150 participants to gauge the impact of the case on the rapidly changing landscape of technology and the law. Speakers and panelists examined such topics as “Would Microsoft be the business behemoth it is today, if not for Apple v. Franklin?”

The case originated in the early 80s, when the Franklin Computer Corporation decided to replicate Apple II Is and sell them as Franklin ACE 100. In 1982 Apple filed suit against Franklin in Federal District Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, alleging that 14 operating system programs included in ACE 100 infringed Apple’s copyright in those programs. Apple sought a preliminary injunction to restrain Franklin from selling or distributing ACE 100. Franklin did not dispute that they copied the programs, but used the legal defense that the programs were not copyrightable and hence not an infringement. The district court agreed with Franklin and refused to grant an injunction, observing that they were just unelligible strings of “1s” and “0s” and not expressive works requiring copyright protection. Apple appealed and the circuit court reversed the decision. In an opinion authored by Judge Dolores Sloviter, the court found that although the Copyright Act does not expressly list computer programs as works of authorship, the legislative history suggests that computer programs were considered copyrightable as literary works. In the end, Franklin appealed the case to the Supreme Court, which dismissed the petition on January 4, 1984.

Assessing the significance of the case, Professor David Post says: “Apple v. Franklin is one of those cases that presented a clear choice between competing legal rules: should we be protecting the ones and zeroes that make up computer software by copyright, or by patents? So it’s one of those cases where we can ask: What would the legal world be like had this case gone the other way? “There might not even be a Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) without Apple v. Franklin. The idea that computer software is copyrightable—that it gets the same kind of protection that had for years been reserved for ‘artistic’ creations and other ‘non-utilitarian’ things—helped to change the way we think about copyright law and what it does, maybe even profoundly.”

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Scholars visit from four continents
by Rosy Kandathil ‘04

Since its inception in fall 2001, Temple’s Institute for International Law and Public Policy has advanced its vision of fostering and stimulating intellectual dialogue at the law school by hosting conferences, roundtables, “brown bag” lunches and guest lectures by distinguished judges, scholars and diplomats. Among the Institute’s last contributions to the law school’s intellectual environment is the Institute’s Visiting Scholars and Visiting Fellows Program.

Selected from an international pool of applicants for the significant and timeliness of their research interests, these visitors pursue their research interests while at Temple, and simultaneously contribute to the intellectual atmosphere through participation in faculty colloquia, presentation of work in progress, participation in classroom discussions, and involvement in other Institute events. This year, the Institute is fortunate to have attracted four exceptional individuals from four continents who are leading authorities in their respective fields.

South America is represented by Visiting Scholar Professor Antonio Gidi, who earned a law degree in his native Brazil and an S.J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He is known world-wide for his work in the area of comparative civil procedure as the associate reporter for the American Law Institute project on principles and rules of transnational civil procedure, co-sponsored with the Institute for International Unification of Law (UNIDROIT) in Rome, which seeks to produce a code of civil procedure for international litigation.

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founded the Southern Poverty Law Center in 1971. He is currently chief trial counsel for the Center, devoting his time to suing violent white supremacist groups and developing ideas for Teaching Tolerance, the Center’s education project. The organization is also the national center for monitoring hate groups.

Through the Center’s work, the Alabama legislature, previously sympathetic to gerrymandering, was integrated. Next the Center worked successfully to integrate the Alabama police force. Dees led the defense in the celebrated case of Joanne Little, a black woman wrongly accused of murder in North Carolina. In the 1980s, the Center started Klan Watch and litigated two cases against the Klan that are credited with breaking its back.

A Passion for Justice

When asked by law students and young lawyers how they can do the kind of work he does, Dees responds that a passion for justice can guide attorneys in whatever field of law they choose. “We need lawyers with a passion for justice, who are willing to go against the grain, do the unpopular thing. It’s up against those who would violate our civil rights. The responsibility is yours, whether you work in corporations or in legal services.”

A law student once approached Morris Dees wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with the slogan “First kill all the lawyers.” Baffled by the disdain she showed for the profession she was about to enter, Dees suggested she read the passage in Henry VI in which Shakespeare writes: “If tyranny is to prevail, you must first kill all the lawyers.” Insisting that tyranny, not lawyers, is the problem, Dees invited law students to join him in the struggle: “We have insidious tyrants now who need to be challenged, and we lawyers are the ones to do it,” said Dees. “We have an attorney general who I don’t think has read the Fourth Amendment.”

Dees has received numerous honors and awards in conjunction with his work at the Southern Poverty Law Center. His book, Hate on Trial: The Case Against America’s Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi, chronicles the trial and $12.5 million judgment against white supremacist Tom Metzger and his White Aryan Resistance group for their responsibility in the beating death of Skinheads of a young black student in Portland, Oregon. Dees’ latest book, Gathering Storm: America’s Militia Threat, exposes the danger posed by today’s domestic terrorist groups.

The Kolsby Lectureship

The Herbert F. Kolsby Distinguished Lectureship in Trial Advocacy, founded in 2001, is an annual event. Herbert F. Kolsby, Director Emeritus of the LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Program at Temple, was the inaugural speaker. The speaker is selected by an advisory board comprised of the following members: Steven Angstreich ’74; Professor Emeritus Daniel M. Kirkby; Gordon, Robin, Shone & Bezar; Herbert F. Kolsby; Mark S. Levy ’69; Robert Mongeluzzi ’94; and Diane and Arthur Raynes ’59.

The author of several publications in English, French and Portuguese, Kolsby is currently working on a book for foreign audiences on class actions. When asked about his experiences at the Institute, Kolsby responds, “I find at Temple a vibrant community of highly motivated professors and scholars, extremely interested in all international and comparative aspects of the law. They can often be found in the faculty lounge discussing informally, or in formal conferences, recording their doctoral positions on the legal aspects of current international events. It’s an educational experience to become a part of this community even for a brief period of time.”

From the continent of Europe comes Visiting Professor Achilles Skordas, who earned a law degree in Athens, a Ph.D. in Frankfurt, Germany, and who currently teaches public international law at the Faculty of Law, University of Athens. A member of the Department of Studies of the Greek Parliament and of the “Odyssées” European academic group, which deals with issues of immigration and refugee law in the European Union, he has been a visiting professor at the University of Paris XII, a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign Law in Heidelberg, and a Fulbright Scholar at the American Studies Institute of the University of Southern Illinois. His recent work focuses on international law, power and globalization. This summer, Skordas will teach a course on international organizations in transition at the law school. His extensive publications include books and essays in German, French and English.

Although he has had the privilege of working with academic institutions all over the world, in Skordas’ estimation, “Temple’s Institute for International Law and Public Policy offers unique possibilities for research and debate on current international issues. Students at the law school have the opportunity to participate in events and symposia on international law and discuss their opinions with academics and practitioners. In times of global politics and policies, the Institute aspires to offer what is necessary more than ever: a systemic view of international law and law of its context.”

Asia is represented by Visiting Scholar Professor Gao Fuping, a visiting Fulbright Scholar from the faculty of the East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai. Gao is the author of several books on real property law, partnership and e-commerce. While at Temple, his research project involving property law, contract law, and intellectual property law, will investigate the way international law works in an international age. Gao has been invited to present lectures on his current research at the University of Washington, University of Arizona, University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University.

In Gao’s view, “The law school provides researchers with truly excellent research facilities, including an office, access to the Internet, and a wealth of reference tools. Generally, most other universities do not provide researchers with such generous accommodations, like a personal office. In law schools, it is important to enhance the academic atmosphere and develop academic exchanges with foreign countries, which will help to promote good will toward Temple Law School in America and throughout the world.”

Africa—and the country of Nigeria—is home to Visiting Research Professor Aibola Olaitan Sanni. Professor Sanni, who taught business law at Obafemi Awolowo University and tax law at the University of Lagos, received a Fulbright Fellowship and is pursuing a doctorate in taxation law at the University of Lagos in Nigeria. Sanni currently serves as editor-in-chief of the Nigerian Revenue Law Report, the only Nigerian journal for alumni and friends.

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American interest in visiting the world’s last “experiment” in Communism has grown at a dizzying pace in recent years, fueled by accounts of Cuban hospitality and exotic beauty and heightened by the uncertainty of what will follow Castro’s inevitable demise and the speculation that loosened travel restrictions could change any day.

But despite the destination’s increasing popularity, it has not been easy for Americans to visit Cuba. Not because of restrictions on the Cuban side: Castro wants all the American tourists and visitors he can get. But the U.S. government, since 1961 has tried to restrict visits by Americans to Communist Cuba in order to deprive the Cuban government of the U.S. dollars that would be spent there.

In spring 2002, law student Marlo Cohen approached Assistant Dean Adelaide Ferguson about a spring break trip the following year to Cuba. The idea was met with enthusiasm. Ferguson, head of the international programs at the law school, knew the interest was there, and readily agreed—as long as Cohen agreed to do all the “legwork.”

“Marlo really did the work to make this possible. She also made the trip really interesting by introducing many of us to her Cuban friends from previous visits,” says Ferguson.

By March the group of students, faculty and spouses committed to making the trip had grown to 28—these numbers almost equally divided between faculty and students—and they would not be deterred. Although it is illegal for non-citizens to visit Cuba without a license from the Office of Foreign Asset Control of the U.S. Treasury Department, the Clinton administration had expanded the categories of U.S. visitors who could be licensed to visit Cuba. Subsequent Bush administration restrictions made it harder to obtain a license, as the group from Temple discovered when they applied.

As Temple Law professor and immigration expert Jan Ting says, “We tried to see some Americans visit Cuba illegally by traveling first to other countries like Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, or the Bahamas, our group of lawyers and law students would only make the trip legally.” In the end, the Temple Law group traveled under the license from the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, because their own license was delayed.

Touring—official and unofficial

Much of the time the group toured with Havantor, the official government agency Cuba’s bar association—the Union Nacional de Juristas de Cuba—organized meetings with a law professor and student with a law firm that is authorized to work with U.S. law firms on joint ventures.

Over seven days, the group traveled through Havana, Cuba, Trinidad, a scenic colonial city four hours from Havana, Profesor Jan Ting, who along with his wife and daughter, joined the group, shares his impressions of the capital city: “Havana is a breathtakingly beautiful city, despite the decades of deliberate neglect and deterioration which have allowed many elegant buildings to crumble. “Even without the internationally funded restoration projects now underway, the former elegance of the cosmopolitan Cuban capital is still apparent for all to see in the architecture, streets, boulevards, parks, and the pre-revolution homes which were abandoned when many Cubans fled the revolution. But an average of two Havana buildings collapse every three days, according to a resident U.S. government official with whom we dined. And guidebooks warn that the biggest danger on Havana streets is not crime, but from falling pieces of architecture.

“In the name of equality, available resources have been directed to the Havana Forest Cuba lived before the 1959 revolution. Since no American automobiles have been imported since the revolution, Havana is famous for its impressive number of restored and preserved automobiles from the 1950s, many used by their owners as taxis. Professor Peter Sevareid remembers the same cars from his first trip to Cuba at the age of 17. “As with many boys that age, I was obsessed by automobiles and knew all the names and makes of American cars—the ones with the big fins. And in Havana those cars from my childhood are still running in the street.” Sevareid, whose prior trip was in 1957, remarks that “one big change was that almost every rural house we saw on the trip now has electricity.”

Many in the group voiced frustration that the individuals with whom they met were limited to giving them the “party line.” Of course, the reluctance to speak candidly became all the more understandable by the severe sentencing of Cuban dissidents announced in the American press shortly after the group’s return to the States.

“Our requests to meet with unofficial groups that might have had different opinions were somehow just never able to be arranged,” says Dean Adelaide Ferguson. “Marlo [Cohen] finally called the U.S. Government Cuban Interests Section and two young diplomats joined the group for dinner. … And they were really happy to see us—they are not permitted to socialize with the locals. They said they felt they were watched closely by the Cuban government, and the recent news reports about dissidents being supported by this office bears that out.”

University of Maryland Professor Tannya Banks, who was visiting Cuba for the second time, comments, “A haunting moment was the visit I made with several others to the home of an Afro Cuban family. It gave me real insight into the dreadful living conditions of some educated Cubans in Havana. With the Cuban government’s subsequent crackdown on dissenters, I worry that this family may suffer for having spoken with us.”

There was time devoted to recreation and a highlight of the trip was a pick-up baseball game with a group of Cuban law students, followed—or according to some accounts, punctuated—by Cuba Libre. Yet even this sporting event raised political issues.

As Ferguson says, “Contact between regular Cubans and Americans is forbidden. Two Cuban law students—whom they spent time. Trip organizer Marlo Cohen says: “I regret that this family may suffer for having spoken with us.”

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The group attending the professional baseball game saw the Buena Vista Social Club perform; others went dancing. Meals were often taken in paladares operated in private homes where twelve people are permitted to dine each night, an enterprise the government encourages to help the economy.

As with many Americans returning from Cuba, the group was struck by the warmth of the Cubans with whom they spent time. Trip organizer Marlo Cohen says: “The Cuban people’s hearts, their souls, their minds, and their humanity were shared openly and freely and without the expectation of anything in return. In the face of some of the greatest adversity I have ever seen, the Cuban people survive by dancing, singing, and loving one another to the very core of their being.”

Within days of the group’s return, the Bush administration announced that as part of its “initiative for a New Cuba,” no further people-to-people licenses would be issued, and those licenses outstanding would not be renewed when they expired. “I think our government is concerned that we will see the impact of the embargo first hand and create a domestic movement against it,” says Ferguson.

Professor Jan Ting says, “I understand the rationale for this policy change, based on concern that the dollars we spent in Cuba helped the Cuban government more than individual Cubans. But I also believe that people-to-people contacts between Americans and Cubans benefit us both. I regret that there will not be another Temple Law School trip to Cuba next year!”
Michael G. O’Neill ’89

Commercial real estate developer Michael G. O’Neill ’89 was featured speaker at a dean’s invitational forum held April 11. For the past two years, Dean Robert J. Reinstein has hosted informal luncheon forums with distinguished visitors for the entire law school community.

O’Neill is CEO of Preferred Real Estate Investment (PREI), a company he founded in 1992. As CEO, he directs the company’s growth, culture and entrepreneurial atmosphere and works closely with all of the business disciplines to structure deals, attract new business and promote long-term relationships.

PREI has been ranked by the Philadelphia Business Journal as the second largest commercial real estate developer in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Following the successful redevelopment of the Conshohocken river-front, the company embarked on a plan to revitalize the waterfront district of Chester with a property called the Wharf at Rivertown. Other PREI plan to revitalize the waterfront district of Chester with a property called the Wharf at Rivertown. Other PREI plan to revitalize the waterfront district of Chester with a property called the Wharf at Rivertown.


Bonnie Bazilian Finkel ’78

“So you went to law school to be a lawyer and not a saleswoman. Think again! The reality of practicing law in today’s marketplace” was the subject of the March 21 dean’s forum, presented by Bonnie Bazilian Finkel ’78.

Finkel heads Finkel Consulting in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, providing lawyers and law firms with counseling, coaching, and training services to improve client relationship development skills and strategic marketing.

Previously, Finkel was the manager of litigation and assistant general counsel at Robin and Haas. During that time she created culture in the legal division and among corporate executives that embraced mediation and negotiation techniques to resolve claims and litigation disputes. Implementation of the alternative dispute resolution program resulted in savings of millions of dollars.

Immediately following law school, Finkel managed the Domestic Relations Center at Community Legal Services and later was an associate at Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel.

Mike Reinstein and Dean Robert J. Reinstein.”

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Civil Rights
Lawyer Honored at Women’s Law Caucus Dinner

Rhonda Brownstein ’86 (third from left), Director of the Southern Poverty Law Center, was the 2003 honoree and featured speaker at the Women’s Law Caucus annual dinner. Student organizers of the dinner included (from left to right) Chelsey Lightsey, Kimber Parker, Kelly Diffily, Anna Millman and Christine Swift.

PORRATA-DORIA WINS YALE AWARD

When Temple Law Professor Raphael Portrata-Doria was selected to receive this year’s Yale Medal, he joined an impressive group. Previous winners include such luminaries as Dean Aeckson, Secretary of State during the Truman presidency; Paul Mellon, the philanthropist who founded the Yale Center for British Art; and Kingman Brewster, who served as president of Yale and U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain. Each year, the Yale alumni association selects five honoraries, usually alumni, to recognize for outstanding service to the university.

Porrata-Doria, a 1972 graduate of Yale Law School, first served on the board of the Yale Club of Philadelphia, and later became involved in the Association of Yale Alumni, holding several leadership positions. Porrata-Doria, who grew up in Puerto Rico, came to Philadelphia in 1972 to attend the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the Temple’s law school faculty in 1983, and teaches courses in corporate law, securities, and private and public international law.

ANGEL WINS BAR AWARD

Professor Marina Angel was selected this year to receive a special achievement award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The award, presented April 24, 2003 at a PBA breakfast, states: ‘Her efforts have enabled members of the Bar to be properly educated about the status of women in the profession in Pennsylvania.’ The award recognized Angel’s work with the PBA’s Commission on Women in the Profession. She authored the “Annual Report Card” which charts the status of women in the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the 100 largest law firms in Pennsylvania, District Attorney and Public Defender offices, and the Pennsylvania and federal judiciary. Angel also created an award, given this year to Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, for the promotion of women to leadership positions within the firm. Last year Wilig, Williams and Davidson received the award.

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Symposium organizers orchestrated a reenactment of Apple v. Franklin, allowing symposium participants the rare opportunity to hear from many of the original “actors” in the case. The reenactment was oversaw by Professor David Post, who also served as opening and closing arguments. Post was joined by attorneys involved in the original case: Joel S. Goldhammer for Apple, and Manny D. Polikolos for Franklin.

The panel discussion that followed focused on the origins of the case and how the parties involved have changed because of it. Barry Broden, CEO of Franklin Computer Corporation during the controversy, was joined by Ron Pantoch ofAkim Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, C. Randall Bain, of Brown & Bain, and Jerome Shestack, of Wolf Block Swack and Solis-Cohen. Featured speakers were Judge Dolores Sloviter, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, author of the original opinion, and Judge Lewis A. Kaplan, District Court of the Southeast District of New York, author of the first opinion based on The Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Exhibits at the symposium displayed the original technology at issue in the case, including Apple II and Franklin ACE 100 models. The briefing book was a compilation of legal documents and other news items related to Apple v. Franklin.

Other panelists were Jesse Feder, U.S. Copyright Office; Nancy R. Franden, Drink Kellinger; Christopher Katopis, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; Professor Peter S. Menell, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology; Laura A. Miller, Cozen O’Connor; Ronald L. Panitch, Akim Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Manny D. Polikolos, Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Polikolos; and Greg Winsky, Franklin Electronic Publishers.

The symposium was supported by the Copyright Society of the United States of America and sponsored by Brown & Bain, Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Polikolos; Cozen O’Connor; PMBR; RafterPrestia; and Reed Smith.

Speakers and panelists at the Apple v. Franklin symposium include (from left to right): Professor Peter S. Menell, Nancy R. Franden, Judge Lewis A. Kaplan, Judge Dolores K. Sloviter, Professor David G. Post, Joel S. Goldhammer, C. Randall Bain, Donna Johnson ’03, R. Barry Borden, Manny D. Polikolos, Jimmie Johnson ’03, and Laura G. Miller.
Edward J. Hayes, of Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, has been honored for his dedication to providing pro bono work to the Philadelphia community. Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) presented Hayes with the William J. Brennan Award for his outstanding services as a trainer for VIP.

1991

Saal Ewing real estate partner Frederick D. Strober has been elected president of Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (PVL). His election follows a decade-long tenure as a director of PVL, which provides pro bono legal assistance and educational programs to area artists and cultural organizations.

1993

Steven N. Haas, a member of Cozen & O’Connor’s corporate and bankruptcy business and venture capital departments, spoke at the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation’s first Partnership conference on “Conflicts Between Management and the Board.” Haas concentrates his practice in acquisitions, mergers, and corporate finance transactions.

Raymond B. Ostroski wrote, “I was recently appointed to the position of senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises Inc., a public company in the telecom area in Dallas, Pennsylvania.”

Marc S. Raaspianti, a founding shareholder of Miller, Alfano & Raaspianti, has been appointed by Governor Rendell to a four-year term on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Raaspianti was granted a formal law enforcement position as a result of his time served as an assistant district attorney under former District Attorney Rendell. Raaspianti’s practice focuses on white collar criminal litigation and affirmative civil litigation under the False Claims Act.

Louis J. Rink, the executive director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union, the state affiliate of the ACLU, was elected president of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. She lives in South Freeport, Maine, with her husband.

Rita Buckley Connolly has been reappointed as the chief executive officer of the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County in Media, Pennsylvania.

James J. Kozuch, a partner of Caesar, Ravitch, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, has been appointed to the board of commissioners of Lehight County. Kozuch’s firm limits itself to intellectual property law and Kozuch concentrates his practice in litigation, trademark prosecution, and patent preparation in the fields of mechanical engineering and business methods.

Vanessa M. Nenni has been elected president of the Lehigh County Bar Association.

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John F. McCourt has been appointed director of the U.S. Army Reserve’s Survey of Veterans Affairs, New Jersey, regional office. Prior to accepting this position McCourt served as special assistant to the under-secretary for benefits in Washington.

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The Justian Foundation and The Charitable and Education Trust of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have made a donation to Temple University Beasley School of Law to establish a scholarship in honor of Judge Nicholas A. Ciprani ‘43. The gift supports an annual award to a law student who is a member of the Temple chapter of the Justitian Society.

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Raymond B. Ostroski wrote, “I was recently appointed to the position of senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises Inc., a public company in the telecom area in Dallas, Pennsylvania.”

Marc S. Raaspianti, a founding shareholder of Miller, Alfano & Raaspianti, has been appointed by Governor Rendell to a four-year term on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Raaspianti was granted a formal law enforcement position as a result of his time served as an assistant district attorney under former District Attorney Rendell. Raaspianti’s practice focuses on white collar criminal litigation and affirmative civil litigation under the False Claims Act.

Louis J. Rink, the executive director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union, the state affiliate of the ACLU, was elected president of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. She lives in South Freeport, Maine, with her husband.

Rita Buckley Connolly has been reappointed as the chief executive officer of the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County in Media, Pennsylvania.

James J. Kozuch, a partner of Caesar, Ravitch, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, has been appointed to the board of commissioners of Lehigh County. Kozuch’s firm limits itself to intellectual property law and Kozuch concentrates his practice in litigation, trademark prosecution, and patent preparation in the fields of mechanical engineering and business methods.

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Eileen Warner Struslon has joined Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin as an associate in its Cherry Hill, New Jersey, office. Struslon concentrates her practice in defending medical malpractice litigation.

Scott F. Cooper, a partner in the employment, benefits and labor practice group of Blank Rome, was co-chair and moderator for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s seminar “Internet Law Update 2003.” Bollinger’s practice focuses on cyber law and employment law.

Crystal Fritsch has been promoted to assistant director of the LL.M. in Trial Advocacy program at Temple University Beasley School of Law. In addition, Fritsch continues to coach the mock trial team at Musterman High School, which recently won its fourth city championship.

Teresa Norton was elected partner at Landan & Reilly in Santa Rosa, California, where she manages the estate planning and probate department.

Jacques L. Etkowitz has been elected shareholder of Rumberger, Koslow, Lande, Kleinfelder, et al., an intellectual property firm in the Philadelphia area.

David S. Makara has joined Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin as an associate in its Philadelphia office and serves in the casualty department.


Paul Leguard has been promoted to a senior member of Cozen & O’Connor and practices in its Philadelphia office.

Madeline M. Martin has joined The Erb Firm as an associate in its trusts and estate practice, focusing her practice on estate litigation matters, including will contests.

Morey Rosenbloom ’69 to Lead Business Development at Blank Rome

On January 1, 2003, one of nation’s largest law firms, Blank Rome Conisky & McNally, announced sweeping changes. In addition to streamlining its name to Blank Rome, the firm unveiled a major restructuring of practice management.

At that time, Temple Law graduate Morey Rosenbloom ’69 was named to lead the firm’s business department. A total of 19 practice groups are now divided into three departments: litigation, business, and financial services/real estate.

With approximately 400 attorneys in 11 offices, Blank Rome is ranked 85th among the top 100 largest firms in the country, according to The American Lawyer Magazine.

Mark Mendel ’77 and Karen O’Donnell Emory (left) and Atole Jacobs (right).
Robert L. Schmidt has joined Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus in Somerville, New Jersey, as an associate in its bankruptcy and creditors’ rights and commercial litigation departments.

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Michael Adler, an associate in the commercial litigation group of Blank Rome, served as a moderator at the American Inn of Court National Leadership Forum in May 2003. Adler presented “Communicating with Your Members: Tools, Tips, and Resources.” Adler concentrates his practice in litigation and dispute resolution, e-commerce and telecommunications issues.

William D. Axer, an associate with the Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, firm of Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, presented a seminar, “The Basics of Contract Drafting,” at the Middle Atlantic hardscaping trade show. Axer concentrates his practice in environmental law, construction law, and public contracting.

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Laura M. Carlin has joined Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin as an associate in the litigation department. While in law school, Carlin was a member of the 2002 National Moot Court Trial Championship team.


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Hon. Lawrence Prattis
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STERN MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The 2003 Stern Moot Court Competition, held April 9, was presided over by Judge Thomas I. Vanasdie, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Judge Susan F. Mavrakis, Superior Court of New Jersey, and Professor David G. Post. The competition is named for I. Herman Stern, who was on the law faculty from 1948 until his death in 1979.

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Making of the International Criminal Court,” Slade discussed the challenges and opportunities encountered in establishing a new international court against a backdrop of extremely divergent domestic legal systems. During Sir Geoffrey Palmer’s visit to the law school in April, he delivered three separate presentations to different members of the Temple community. In an address to faculty members, “From Law Professor to Prime Minister to Practitioner,” Palmer spoke frankly about the challenges and rewards of his career, that included stints as a law professor, as New Zealand’s Prime Minister, as a judge of the International Court of Justice, and as a practitioner. In a small luncheon for students and faculty, Palmer drew upon his experience representing New Zealand in the Rainbow Warrior dispute, as a judge of the International Court of Justice, in a talk entitled “International Tribunals: Their Uses and Limits.” Finally, in a talk open to the entire law school community, he spoke on “The United Nations and International Law in the Age of the Mega Power,” focusing on the potential threat to the rule of law that the mega-power presents while also pointing to the hope of U.N. involvement in countering the hostilities that have arisen out of the Iraq conflict.

Institute distinguished diplomats and distinguished scholars-in-residence like Slade and Palmer are in residence at the law school for short periods of time, and contribute to and participate in the intellectual life of the law school. The Institute has also hosted Supreme Court justices from China, Japan, and South Africa; diplomats such as the president of the body organizing the new International Criminal Court and the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes; and prominent scholars from Europe, Australia, Canada and the United States.

For more information about Temple’s Institute for International Law and Public Policy, please visit their website at www.temple.edu/lawschool/llipp.

Beasley Scholars Announced

Sixteen students were named Beasley Scholars in the class that entered the law school last fall. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Sok Be, Jennifer Sosa, Susan Morrison; (middle row) Erik Cruz, Jin Ro, Sarah Odonkor, Lindsey Emrey, Katonya Mosley; (back row) Ali Golestoneh, John Powers, Parsa Abtahian, Robert Murken and Jeremy Wu.

Beasley Scholars, students who demonstrate both financial need and academic excellence, receive full tuition scholarships in the first year of law school and half tuition in each additional year. The scholarship was created in recognition of the generous endowment made by James E. Beasley ’56.

Dear Temple Law Student,

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