A NATURAL TEACHER
Craig Green wins university-wide teaching award

APRIL 19, 2010  Temple Law Professor Craig Green was one of six faculty members to receive the university's top award for excellence in the classroom: the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Professor Green has been on the Temple Law faculty since 2004, teaching foundational courses in constitutional law, civil procedure, federal courts and jurisdiction, and administrative law.

Green's academic career began auspiciously with his 1995 graduation, summa cum laude, from Wake Forest University, where he received honors in Philosophy and in Mathematical Economics. He went on to study law at Yale, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal as well as of the Yale Journal on Law and Feminism. After graduating in 1999, Green accepted a clerkship with Judge Louis H. Pollak of the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. It was while clerking that Green began to teach, when the judge invited him to guest-lecture in the seminar on the Supreme Court that the judge was teaching at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

When Judge Pollak—a former dean of both Penn and Yale law schools—saw Green teach, he claims he spotted a born teacher. "(H)is was plain that, if he were to choose an academic career, Craig was a natural," wrote Pollak. "Last spring he returned to my seminar as Professor Green. In two hours he guided the members of the seminar (including me) through the many intricacies—and varied later implications—of Erie v. Tompkins. It was a tour de force."

After clerking for Judge Pollak and seeing the trial system from the inside, Green decided to broaden his experience by taking another clerkship, this time with Judge Merrick B. Garland of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Upon completing this second clerkship in 2001, Green worked in the Solicitor General's Office as a Bristow Fellow, and thereafter as a trial attorney for Department of Justice's appellate staff. This work entailed briefing and arguing cases in federal courts of appeals, and drafting Supreme Court briefs for the Solicitor General's Office on topics that included constitutional law, administrative law, criminal procedure, maritime law, copyright, and other federal public law.

Upon joining the Temple Law faculty in 2004, Green's excellence in both the classroom and the world of scholarship was immediately apparent, and he gained tenure in 2008. The next year, the regard in which the student body held Green's teaching was succinctly expressed when the graduating class awarded him the George P. Williams Award for Outstanding Professor of the Year.

An enthusiastic and prolific scholar, Green is building a reputation as a nationally known scholar exploring the federal courts' role in overseeing the executive branch. He has published articles concerning wartime detention, equal protection, the federal sentencing guidelines, customary international law, and Erie. In reviewing Green's scholarship for his tenure application in 2008, an outside scholar found things "really come to life."

"Simply put, Professor Green is the best teacher I have had while at Temple Law. I'm a 3L, so that's saying something. What was really impressive was the way he made a potentially complicated and boring course really come to life."
—Will Hummel '10

"It is no surprise that the 2009 graduating class chose Professor Green as the faculty member who made the most significant contribution to their law school careers. . . . What is a wonder is that such an accomplished and prolific scholar finds so much time to devote to teaching. His success is all the more impressive because (his) courses are among the most difficult to teach in the law school curriculum."
—Professor Robert Bartow

"As a colleague, Professor Green is as good as it gets. I have relied on him for support in reviewing drafts of scholarship, for assisting with moot court competitions and for advice on teaching. . . . If the Lindback Award were about being a great colleague, Professor Green would be eminently worthy of that award."
—Professor Donald P. Harris

"I have known Craig since the late 90s when we were classmates at Yale Law School. He is undoubtedly one of the smartest people I know. However, it takes more than a great intellect to be a great teacher. Craig's talent for clear expression and tremendous capacity for analysis complement his deep knowledge base."
—Professor Margaret deGuzman

"Craig is a great teacher, deeply committed to his craft. . . . He is a combination of demanding, funny, rigorous, and gentle. He has an absolute gift for making the subtle seem obvious."
—Professor Jane Baron

"As Professor Green's research assistant, I was lucky to work closely with him. For personal reasons, I did not pursue the federal clerkship he so highly recommended for me, nor did I take the bar exam. Two years after graduation, I was an unemployed single mom struggling with which steps to take next. I contacted Professor Green, and over coffee he helped me talk through various ways to approach a legal career. Three weeks later I had a job as a law clerk at a fantastic small boutique law firm. . . . I can say, without a doubt, that Professor Green is the kind of professor that changes lives."
—Erika (Caler) Wright '07

"Leading up to exams, Professor Green blocked off days to meet with study group after study group. He walked us through the answers to—I believe—FOUR previous exams. . . . When his office hours fell at times I was unavailable to meet, he offered to meet with me both at school or downtown—even on weekends. I have not found this level of dedication to students at any level of my education."
—Patrick Madden '10

PREVIOUS LINDBACK AWARD RECIPIENTS
Joseph Marshall, 1972
Herbert Myers, 1977
Robert Barthow, 1980
James Strazzella, 1982
Frank McFarland, 1985
Peter Sevareid, 1988
Charles Rogovin, 1989
Joseph Passon, 1990
James Shellenberger, 1995
Laura Little, 1999
Eleanor Myers, 2000
David Sonenshein, 2003
Alice Abreu, 2006
Susan Delannatt, 2007
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NEW WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS APPELLATE RULINGS

Temple profs among those selected to determine which appellate cases are featured

NOVEMBER 2009 The American Bar Association launched a new website intended to inform the media and public of important cases in the nation’s federal appellate courts. The goal is to post summaries of high-profile and high-impact cases to be of practical use for appellate courts. The goal is to post summaries of high-profile and high-impact cases to be of practical use for appellate courts. The website initially will highlight decisions from the Third, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits, and then eventually expand to include other circuits in the country. A panel of distinguished law professors worked with the ABA to select and summarize cases. The academic team, comprised of professors from four law schools and supervised student researchers, chose from the more than 25,000 cases filed annually in the three courts of appeals. Temple Law Professors Craig Green and David Sonenshein were part of the original team selecting the cases; today Sonenshein is joined by Temple Law Professors Anthony Bocchino and Mark Anderson.

JUROR MISCONDUCT GROUNDS FOR MISTRIAL A death penalty trial before Judge Steven R. Geroff was declared a mistrial when the judge learned that several jurors deliberated on evidence before the trial's end.

“I think Judge Geroff did exactly what he should have done,” said EDWARD D. OHBAUM. “Still, Ohbaum said, it is rare when such juror misconduct forces a mistrial and rarer still for a judge to punish an errant juror with a fine or jail time. “You want to encourage candor,” Ohbaum said of the judge’s relationship with jurors. “To me, (punishing the jurors) sends a message that the reward for candidly admitting you broke the rules is punishment.” —Philadelphia Inquirer, March 20, 2010

GOLDMAN SACHS TARGETED FOR INVESTIGATION Goldman Sachs Group was under investigation for currency swaps that disguised Greece’s debt.

“Goldman has acknowledged in a public statement that the deals did help to reduce the debt, if only slightly, and were made when the country was attempting to meet financial standards for joining the European Monetary Union,” said RAFAEL PORDA-SORIA. He said he warned his classes that the standards might be unrealistic for a number of countries such as Greece. “What I predicted to classes back then, is that these are almost impossible to meet honestly,” he said, adding that he thought it was likely that the standards would either be relaxed or ignored, or that countries would find ways to ‘fudge’ their numbers. —Law360.com, February 25, 2010

HIGH TECH HIRING PRACTICES COULD “DEPRESS INCENTIVES” As the Justice Department stepped up its investigation into hiring practices at some of America’s biggest companies, including Google Inc., Intel Corp., and Apple Inc., the inquiry was focused on whether companies have agreed not to recruit each other’s employees in ways that violate antitrust law.

“In the long run, this is going to distort and depress the incentives for people to actually develop the talents and skills that are useful in this market,” said SALIL MEHRA, a Temple University law professor who formerly worked in the Justice Department’s antitrust division. —Wall Street Journal, April 9, 2010

GOLDMAN SACHS IS UNDER INVESTIGATION . . . AGAIN The SEC charged Goldman Sachs with misleading investors by marketing a financial product tied to subprime mortgages.

Goldman will be judged on whether the information it failed to tell its clients was material, meaning important or relevant, something a buyer would want to know before buying. PETER HUANG, a securities law professor at Temple University, agreed. “If you were buying something, you should care about the fact that the person who was picking the things you were buying was actually betting against them,” he said. “That’s the part that wasn’t disclosed.” — Wall Street Journal, April 19, 2010

ARIZONA PASSES “AMERICA’S TOUGHEST” IMMIGRATION LAW Arizona passed a new, tough immigration law. The legislation prompted another call for immigration reform on the national level. Advocates would do better to take their cause where they can be more confident of gains: cities and states that welcome immigrants regardless of their federal status. Arizona’s law amounts to a self-inflicted wound, scaring away productive, taxpaying immigrants, legal or not. Other jurisdictions,Philadelphia included, can make Arizona’s loss their gain by working to advance immigrant interests in their own back yards.

— PETER SPIRO, Philadelphia Inquirer, May 5, 2010

“The question is how the law will be enforced on the ground. Are police in Arizona going to stop individuals on the basis of suspicion of unauthorized presence?” said PETER SPIRO. “There’s a growing consensus that carrying registration documents or some form of identification is important. It’s an idea that is gaining support in this post 9/11 age,” said JAN TING. — WHYY’s Radio Times, April 29, 2010

ELENA KAGAN NOMINATED—CRITICS ATTACK LACK OF JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE President Barack Obama’s choice of Elena Kagan for the Supreme Court is at odds with the recent tradition of choosing Supreme Court justices from the ranks of the lower federal courts.

PROFESSOR MARK RAHDER says the trend of selecting nominees from the lower courts was started 30 years ago by then President Richard Nixon and is a relatively new one. “It’s not required by the Constitution. Over most of the court's history most of the individuals appointed have served in other capacities, not as lower court judges, before being named to the court.” — WRTI-FM in Philadelphia, May 10, 2010

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reviewer wrote: “This is classic legal scholarship of the very highest order. Professor Green expressly eschews any attempt in these articles to set forth a normative theory for expanding or restricting federal judicial power. . . . He lays waste to the arguments he disputes without an ounce of disrespect for the legal acumen of those against whom he is writing, and has truly moved the conversation forward on an important set of separation of powers issues by virtue of his deep knowledge, comprehensive research and painstaking technical exegesis. Work of this quality certainly suggests a bright future in terms of contributing to significant debates in the worlds of both public law and legal procedure.”

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TEMPEL LAW RANKS HIGH IN
RESEARCH AND WRITING . . . 
AND WHY IT MATTERS

Innovative program ranked eighth in the nation

The excellence of Temple's Legal Research and Writing curriculum was recognized when U.S. News & World Report ranked Temple's program at number eight in the country. There are 197 law schools in the national ranking. The law school's unique LRW curriculum has been shaped by the conviction that a strong foundation in research and writing is an important building block of both academic and professional success. The ways in which these courses are taught reflect the core of Temple's Law's emphasis on skills-based legal education. The legal research and writing curriculum was designed with a basis in learning theory, as outlined in a groundbreaking article about Temple's program by Professors Susan Delarnatt and Ellie Margolis.

One of the most innovative aspects of Temple's program is that students learn to research and write by immersing themselves in the "real world" context of solving client legal problems. This gives Temple students a solid foundation of critical lawyering skills, enabling them to confront their first jobs with confidence. The "problem solving" nature of the course also gives students critical insight into the many facets of law.

In keeping with Temple's emphasis on practical experience, the legal research and writing faculty—seven strong—all bring "real world" experience to the classroom. Diversity is a hallmark of a great faculty, and the Temple team includes lawyers with a vast range of previous experience in the public and private sectors, as well as a Ph.D. who focuses on teaching legal communication skills to lawyers from all across the world. The faculty's pre-teaching experience ranges from judicial clerkships and prestigious fellowships to positions in government and nonprofit agencies, to corporate law firms.

Faculty bring not only "real world" experience but also expertise in writing and communication

The curriculum is further enhanced by the various areas of scholarly expertise of the faculty. Professor Kathryn Stanchi has published and spoken extensively on both legal pedagogy and persuasion. Professor Kristen Murray has published a book on scholarly legal writing, and earned a master's degree in education and human development in 2009. Professor Bonny Tavares has written a book on legal research, and plans to publish an article later this year. In addition, Professor Lee Carpenter comes to Temple's legal research and writing program with experience as a clinical professor, providing a key link between teaching novices and real world practice. Professor Ellie Margolis spent the early part of her career as a public interest lawyer. An expert on the use of policy in appellate briefing, Margolis' current scholarship focuses on the effects of technology on legal research and analysis. Professor Susan Delarnatt began teaching at Temple after a career as a consumer-housing specialist at Community Legal Services. Her scholarship focuses on legal writing pedagogy and, most recently, incorporating international and comparative law in the legal writing curriculum, and she also writes about public education reform. Professor Robin Nilson has published and spoken around the world about teaching international lawyers the specialties of U.S. law. This combined expertise means that Temple has, according to Professor Ruth Anne Robbins, President of the Legal Writing Institute, "one of the most enviable ensemble casts of any United States law school."

Mary Beth Bealley, President of the Association of Legal Writing Directors and a professor of law at Ohio State University, concurs: They have had a great influence on the teaching of legal writing. Their scholarship reflects the depth and breadth of this important field."

Drawing on years of real world practice, Temple's LRW faculty teach core lawyering skills using the most effective teaching techniques. Indeed, Temple was among the first law schools in the nation to teach through the problem solving method. Each member of Temple's Legal Research and Writing faculty gives extensive feedback to each student on every aspect of their legal communication skills. Because students get continuous feedback from lawyers who are expert writers, they graduate with a solid grasp on the lawyering process and first-hand experience of how lawyers really practice in a competitive environment. The real mark of the success of Temple's writing program is not only the US News rankings, but the success of Temple law students in the real world. The one-on-one attention that Temple students receive means they are ready to hit the ground running as lawyers and judicial clerks. "At this time of great change in the legal employment market, the skills our recent graduates bring to the table are more important than ever," says Melissa Lenon, who heads the career planning office. "Our recent graduates can count on their research and writing training. It is this training, and the experience they obtained in law school, that can allow them to add value to an employer immediately, even if they are just new members of the bar."

And legal recruiters know this curriculum makes a difference. "The Legal Research and Writing Program at Temple Law produces students who are well-prepared to take on the research and writing demands of a practicing lawyer," says Mindy J. Hertzfeld, a legal recruiter for Cozen O'Connor. "The 'real world' method of the program provides the foundation needed to approach projects in the most appropriate manner, which creates a product that is consistently thoughtful, thorough, and concise."

Students win regional moot court

Temple Law students who excel in legal research and writing are eligible to join the Moot Court Honor Society and represent the Law School in most court competitions around the country. The competitions give them valuable independent experience in writing briefs analyzing complex issues of law and presenting oral arguments before accomplished practitioners, distinguished law professors, and well-respected jurists.

Every year, more than 150 law schools compete in the regional rounds of the National Moot Court Competition. This year's Temple Law team of Jimmy Ficano '09 and Adam Kaster '10 prevailed in the regional competition over teams from Penn, Pitt and Georgetown, and Ficano was awarded the American College of Trial Lawyers Best Oral Advocate Award. A Temple Law team also emerged as regional champions at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Temple dominates Ginsburg writing competition

In 2002, recognizing the importance of excellence in legal analysis and writing skills, the Philadelphia Bar Association established a legal writing competition. The author of the winning paper receives the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Award at the Bar Association's quarterly luncheon, and the paper is subsequently published in the Philadelphia Lawyer.

Temple Law has dominated this competition from the very beginning. The first year the award was given—2003—it went to Temple Law student Kimberly Bartman '03. Bartman established a dazzling precedent, and for the last seven years the prize has gone five times to Temple students. In a resounding tribute to Professor Susan Delarnatt, a longtime member of the Legal Research and Writing (LRW) team, the three most recent winners were written for her course, Introduction to Public Interest Law. This research paper seminar is a required course for the Rubin-Presser Public Interest Scholars and attracts other Temple students with an interest in the field of public interest law.

Temple exports writing excellence

Under the direction of Professor Robin Nilson, Temple's Legal Research and Writing Program has been adapted to fill the needs of the growing number of international students who enroll in Temple's LL.M. programs. As many as 45 Chinese attorneys and judges are enrolled in Temple's first and only ABA-accredited LL.M. program in China, and up to 40 students enroll annually in Temple's U.S.-based LL.M. degree program for foreign-trained lawyers.

Nilson, a Ph.D. who has worked with international students for many years, has developed a curriculum for lawyers trained outside the U.S. who will need the legal research and writing and oral advocacy skills essential to handling legal matters in a global context. The curriculum includes Nilson's specially designed "total immersion" assignment in which students prepare and argue briefs before a panel of federal judges. The curriculum also includes a seminar designed to teach U.S.-style scholarly writing.
TRADE ATT’Y TIMOTHY REIF SPEAKS AT DEAN’S FORUM

FEBRUARY 19, 2010 Timothy Reif, general counsel for the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), spoke at a Dean’s Invitational Forum about his pivotal position in the current administration and its role in international trade. Reif is responsible for providing legal advice on federal trade-related negotiations, agreements, trade legislation, certain trade remedies, administrative law, and government ethics.

Reif has more than twenty years of experience in international trade law. Prior to joining USTR, he was chief international trade counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives’ Ways and Means Committee. He previously served as international trade counsel at Dewey Ballantine. Reif earned his J.D. from Columbia University and his Master of Public Affairs and Bachelor degrees from Princeton University.

Dean’s invitational forums provide a unique experience for students and faculty to interact in small groups with experienced attorneys from a wide range of backgrounds. This forum was co-hosted by Dean JoAnne A. Epps and Professor Jeffrey Dunoff, co-director of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy.

SCIENCE JOURNAL SYMPOSIUM EXPLORES THE GREENING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

MARCH 19, 2010 The Temple Journal of Science, Technology and Environmental Law’s annual symposium, The Greening of Intellectual Property, focused on the intersection between green technology and intellectual property law. Participants explored such nationally and internationally significant questions as whether intellectual property rights are needed to promote green technology innovation, and whether there is a relationship between the strength of these rights and the introduction of useful technology to the marketplace.

The one-day symposium featured Robert Bahr, acting associate commissioner for patent examination at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; Jerome H. Reichman, professor of intellectual property at Duke University School of Law; and Dan J. Desmond, Pennsylvania’s “energy czar,” who has been heavily involved in crafting the state’s alternative energy plan.

MYERS LECTURE: SCHWARTZ ’75, LEVICK ’76 DISCUSS ‘KIDS FOR CASH’

MARCH 18, 2010 “Justice for Sale: Luzerne County, Corrupt Judges, and the Sounds of Silence” was the topic of the annual Herbert Myers Lecture, delivered by Robert G. Schwartz ’75 and Marsha L. Levick ’76, founders and co-directors of the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia. Schwartz and Levick related their experience in the highly publicized case in which juvenile advocates sought to obtain justice for the children of Luzerne County, where judges were accused of sentencing in exchange for kickbacks. In the end, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court vacated over 6,500 delinquency adjudications and cleared the juveniles’ records.
It is common knowledge that the “drug war” is not one that can be “won” in any conventional sense. Minor drug convictions often result in long prison sentences, overcrowded facilities, and a drain on government resources. The current punitive system may exacerbate addiction issues by failing to adequately treat and rehabilitate drug users. Local communities suffer economically from having their family members incarcerated. Significant public health concerns can result from underfunded drug treatment programs and the spread of addiction.

In April, 2010, the Student Public Interest Network (SPIN) hosted a forum to discuss the multiple ways in which drug policy impacts the community. Philadelphia’s top drug policy enforcer, District Attorney Seth Williams, was the keynote speaker at the event.

The city’s new district attorney is working with the state Supreme Court to unclog Philadelphia’s crowded courts and prisons by decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use. Under the new policy, prosecutors will charge such cases as summary offenses rather than as misdemeanors. People arrested with up to 30 grams of the drug—slightly more than an ounce—may be fined but would face no risk of a criminal record.

“THERE IS TOO MUCH PRISON SENTENCING,” said District Attorney Williams, who took office in January. “We can’t declare a war on drugs by going after the kid who’s smoking a joint on 55th Street. We have to go after the large traffickers.”

Williams’ new policy could remove up to 3,000 small-time marijuana cases—about 5 percent of the caseload in criminal court—from the system, freeing prosecutors and judges to devote time to more serious crimes.

For the past four years, Temple Law School’s Student Public Interest Network (SPIN) has hosted a forum to tackle a topic that is pertinent to our Philadelphia community and brings the community and students together in collaboration and conversation. Previous topics included the impact on Philadelphia neighborhoods of the recent economic crisis, revitalization, and gun violence.
SPIN AUCTION SUPPORTS PUBLIC INTEREST JOBS

MARCH 4, 2010

This year’s gala annual SPIN auction attracted over 150 students, faculty, alums, friends of the law school—and just plain partyers looking for a good time and some genuine bargains. SPIN (Student Public Interest Network) promotes public interest law and provides summer grants to students working in the public interest. It was formed in 1992 after a second-year Temple Law student was forced to turn down a summer public interest job because the employer was unable to pay him. Ever since, SPIN has organized creative fundraising events to ensure that students will not have to pass up valuable opportunities in the public interest sector.

This year’s event, hosted by the law firm of Duane Morris, included an online auction which preceded that live auction. In total, more than $16,000 was raised to be distributed to students seeking support for summer jobs with public interest organizations.

CONFERENCE EXPLORES NURSING AND THE LAW

MAY 7, 2010

At a one-day conference focusing on the intersection of nursing and the law, speakers explored the issues of patient confidentiality, safety in the workplace and statutory parameters. The conference, sponsored by The Beck Chair in Law and the Independence Foundation, featured Susan Sherman, President of the Independence Foundation, and Temple alums Tine Hansen Turton ’07, Executive Director of the National Nursing Centers Consortium, and Beth Koob ’88, Chief Counsel Temple University Health Sciences and Health System. Frank McClellan, who holds the Phyllis W. Beck Chair of Law and is the co-director of the Center for Health Law Policy and Practice, was among the conference organizers.
RIZZO ‘83 HONORED AT TEMPLE FOUNDER’S DAY

APRIL 10, 2010  Judge Annette Rizzo ‘83 was honored at the annual Founder’s Day celebration for her commitment to Temple University and her extraordinary career in the law.

A judge on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas since 1998, Rizzo’s innovative work in recent years has drawn national attention. In 2008, in the wake of the economic downtown and mortgage foreclosure crisis, she and then-President Judge C. Darnell Jones developed the Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, aimed at keeping Philadelphia residents in their homes. The program, which mandates that no residential owner-occupied properties in Philadelphia may go to sheriff’s sale without a face-to-face conciliation conference being held, has been cited as a model for programs across the country.

Originally appointed to the court by then-Governor Tom Ridge, the judge has served in the trial division in both the criminal and civil programs, and now sits in the civil major jury trial program. Before her appointment to the bench, Rizzo worked first in the city solicitor’s office and then with the law firm of Rawle & Henderson. Just prior to becoming a judge, Rizzo was senior counsel at CIGNA Companies. Rizzo has long been a committed Temple Law supporter and currently serves on the board of the Temple Law Alumni Association.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ON WINNING PUBLIC POLICY TEAM

MARCH 20, 2010  Evan Barrett Smith, first year student and Rubin-Press Public Interest Scholar, was a member of the winning team at the inaugural Public Policy Challenge presented by the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to studying law at Temple, Smith is also enrolled in a Master’s program at the Fels Institute.

Smith’s “Land Philadelphia” team won the competition with an initiative to transform Philadelphia’s neglected, tax-delinquent properties into an asset in the battle to stabilize and grow thriving neighborhoods. In a radical departure from the current sheriff’s sale process, the proposal calls for tax delinquency to be used as an opportunity to move properties into responsible, stable ownership in a way that aligns with the city’s home-ownership and community planning policies. The new system would form a meaningful partnership between City Council, the Redevelopment Authority, and neighborhoods to break the cycle of disinvestment and decline that undermines stable neighborhoods citywide.

Each of the five competing teams chose its own Philadelphia area issue and developed a policy proposal and a political strategy for change. A panel of regional government, business, and community leaders, including Pennsylvania’s First Lady, Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, judged the competition.

1970s

In March 2010, STEWART M. WEINTRAUB ‘71 joined the corporate tax firm of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, where he leads the firm’s state and local tax practice. Weintraub also chairs the American Bar Association’s tax section state and local tax committee.

ABRAHAM C. REICH ‘74, partner and co-chair at Fox Rothschild, has been reappointed to serve on the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Reich also recently co-authored a chapter on ethics in the 2010 edition of the multivolume treatise Successful Partnering: Between Inside and Outside Counsel with Andrea E. Uttech.

CLASS OF ’33 ALUM TO CELEBRATE 102

This year, BLAINE E. CAPEHART ’33, leader and patriarch of Capehart Scatchard, will celebrate his 102nd birthday. He has been a member of the bar for nearly 80 years and a partner of the Mt. Laurel, NJ firm since 1937. He was listed as a “Super Lawyer” in New Jersey in 2009.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Capehart began his law studies at Harvard but transferred to Temple in 1930. He was graduated in the last evening-only Temple Law School class, before the first day division classes were launched in September 1933. Capehart recalls attending law classes in the Public Ledger Building on Independence Square while apprenticing for the New Jersey firm French, Richards & Bradley (now Capehart Scatchard).

Capehart’s eight decades as a trial, employment, and estates lawyer were recognized recently by the Township of Moorestown, which named him an “Outstanding Member of the Community.” At just over 100 years young, he remains an active member of the national, state and local bars as well as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and American Bar Foundation.
INT’L LL.M. GRADUATE RECOGNIZED BY LOCAL BAR

APRIL 8, 2010 Natalia Nekrasova was the recipient of an award given annually to “international LL.M. students who demonstrated noteworthy achievement in international human rights or international law.” Nekrasova was selected on the basis of her internship with United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs where she worked with the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Nekrasova, who is from the Russian Federation, earned an LL.M. degree from Temple in May 2010. “After graduation I plan to move to New York where I hope to join an international firm or organization where I can merge my academic knowledge and practical experience,” says Nekrasova. “I also have my own internationally oriented project that promotes youth, traveling and education. The main goals of the project are to encourage and to empower international students and international students with disabilities to study law abroad in order to be competitive in international legal jobs market.”

The award was presented by the international law committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association at a reception hosted by Fox Rothschild for international LL.M. students attending Temple and University of Pennsylvania law schools.

1980s

The Nova Southeastern University H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship recently inducted MITCHELL BERGER ‘80 into its Entrepreneur Hall of Fame. Berger is the founder and chairman of Berger Singerman, a full-service commercial law firm with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Tallahassee and Boca Raton.

SCOTT C. PENWELL ‘81, of Stevens and Lee, was a presenter at the Rotary Club of Wilmington West on captive insurance companies and Delaware as a captive domicile.

DONNA J. MOUZYACK ‘92 is the First Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Philadelphia Law Department.

In February 2010, DEBRA WEISS FORD ‘82 was named in an election of her peers as best labor and employment attorney in New Hampshire. Ford is the managing partner of the Portsmouth office of Jackson Lewis where she specializes in labor and employment matters for management.

Read Smith announced the addition of LEE ANN FLYER DILLON ‘83 as a partner in its financial industry group resident in the firm’s New York City office. Dillon was formerly a partner in the New York office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal.

JOSEPH MATERNOWSKI ‘84 was elected chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s environmental, natural resources and energy law section for 2010. He was also named to the board of directors of the Moss & Barnett law firm in Minneapolis. In his practice Maternowski assists clients with the review of environmental issues that arise in business and real estate transactions. He is also involved in litigation related to contaminated property and defense of enforcement actions brought by federal and state agencies.

R. MICHAEL CARR ‘85, a shareholder of Stevens & Lee, lectured on the fundamentals of employment law at a continuing legal education seminar in Allentown, PA. Carr concentrates his practice in labor and employment matters, representing management in the defense of age, sex and disability discrimination cases, and is a boardmember for the Program for Women and Families.

In March 2010, Duane Morris partner TERESA CAVENAGH ‘85 was a panelist for a “Women in Leadership” symposium organized by the Pennsylvania Diversity Council. Cavenagh spoke on the topic of mentoring, particularly with regard to identifying and being a mentor.

RENAIRO L. HICKS, LL.M. ’85, chair of Stevens & Lee’s energy, regulatory and public utilities group, was recently recognized for his integral role in the establishment of a 211 information phone system for Pennsylvania on behalf of the United Way of Pennsylvania. The system was approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in February 2010. Additionally, Hicks participated in the panel discussion “Economic Opportunities for Minorities in the ‘Green’ Market” as part of the annual PBA Minority Attorney Conference. He is also an adjunct professor at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg and chairs the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s consumer advisory council.

CHRISTOPHER J. PIPPETT, LL.M. ’87, has joined Fox Rothschild as a partner in the corporate department, resident in the Exton, PA office. In addition, Pippett serves as president of the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Chester County and is a member of the Chester County Advisory Board of Red Cross’ Southeastern Pennsylvania chapter and co-chair of its golf committee.

DENA LEFKOWITZ ‘88 recently launched a professional coaching practice, CoachDena, in which she works with professionals providing support to create strategies, plan and implement a more rewarding career and life. Lefkowitz is also a senior attorney with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.
MICHAEL C. McBRATNIE, LL.M. '88, of Fox Rothschild’s Exton, PA office, has been named co-chair of the firm’s tax and estates department. McBratnie, who serves on the firm’s executive committee, is also on the board of directors for Brandywine Health Foundation as its secretary.

PAMELA M. TOBIN ’88, a litigator at Kaplin Stewart in Blue Bell, PA, has been named vice-chair of the women in the law committee of the Montgomery Bar Association. She hopes to make this Committee a forum for women lawyers to brainstorm ideas for expanding their practices and taking on leadership roles in the law.

1990s

Following an extensive national search, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia has named ROOSEVELT HAIRSTON JR., ’90 to the position of executive vice president and general counsel. Hairston has been with the organization since 1997, and most recently served as senior vice president for government affairs, community relations and advocacy, as well as deputy general counsel for litigation.

Judge Gerald Kosinski presented DR. RUTH (KAFFRISSEN) HORWITZ ’91 with the Pro Bono Publico award from the Philadelphia Courts.

Since 2008, ERIC LECHTZN ’91 has been with Berger & Montague in Philadelphia, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of securities fraud class actions, shareholder derivative suits, and mergers and acquisitions cases. He has been lead counsel in securities fraud class actions against Centerline Holding Company, Municipal Mortgage & Equity, Fifth Third Bancorp, Oppenheimer Pennsylvania Municipal Bond Fund and Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc. An avid runner, Lechtzin is active in the Bucks County Roadrunners Club.

2000s

MICHAEL E. BERTIN ’00 has been named partner at Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, where he practices in the litigation department.

DANIEL SIMONS ’00, a member of the antitrust department of the Philadelphia firm of Berger & Montague, recently co-authored a chapter in The International Handbook on Private Enforcement of Competition Law, published by the American Antitrust Institute.

A. ELIZABETH BALAKHANI ’01 has been an associate in the litigation department of Dechert since 2005, practicing in the area of mass torts and product liability. She is currently involved in the defense of major pharmaceutical companies at various stages of litigation in federal and state courts, including multidistrict litigation and coordinated state court litigation.

GREG W. MARSANO ’01 has joined the law firm of Rubin, Fortunato & Harbison as an associate focusing on employment litigation in the areas of restrictive covenants, trade secrets, and employment agreements. He comes to the firm from Dechert.

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LOUIS MATKOFF ’32

1909 – 2010

MARCH 15, 2010 Law school alumnus Louis Matkoff died at the age of 101. Matkoff was a student in the evening division while working during the day as an investigator in the claims department of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company (now SEPTA). After working with another attorney for more than ten years, he opened his own practice, where he remained until his retirement almost fifty years later. In 1959 Matkoff was joined by Kenneth Shengold ’54, and the partnership of Matkoff and Shengold was formed. Always generous supporters of the law school, Matkoff and his wife Shirley decided in 1991 to endow a scholarship to be awarded annually to a student with demonstrated academic achievement and financial need. In 1993, the Matkoffs took the further step of creating the Louis and Shirley Matkoff Charitable Remainder Unitrust.
In November 2009, FRANCINE TOMLINSON ’01 was elected to a four-year term as Council Member of the Borough of Ambler, PA. She is currently the assistant controller of Cozen O’Connor.

BENJAMIN J. GINSBERG ’02 has joined Bloom Metz Consulting, in Wilmington, DE, as a senior associate. Ginsberg specializes in assisting nonprofit organizations with fundraising, strategic planning, marketing and leadership.

RASHIDA T. WEST ’02 is the career adviser in government and public interest law atEarle Mack School of Law atDrexel University. West joinedEarle Mack School of Law after practicing as a child advocate attorney at the Support Center for Child Advocates in Philadelphia.

In March 2010, RICHARD ZEMBLE ’02 opened the Law Office of Richard Zemble in Wilmington, DE, after spending almost six years as a prosecutor at the Delaware Department of Justice. Zemble’s practice will handle all types of criminal cases, from traffic and DUI cases to serious felonies.

STEPHANIE SHAPSON PEET ’03 has joined the Philadelphia office of Jackson Lewis, a national workplace law firm, as an associate.

SHOSHANA (TIVERSKY) SAVET ’03 has worked at Berger &Montague in Philadelphia since graduation, practicing primarily in the area of securities class action litigation.

DAVID J. STANOCH ’03 is an associate in the Philadelphia office of Dechert, where he is part of the antitrust and trade group and focuses his practice on antitrust/competition matters.

SARAH L. WESTBROOK ’03 is an associate in the Philadelphia office of Dechert, where she practices in the areas of securities and white collar litigation. Westbrook also co-chairs the steering committee of the American Bar Association’s Philadelphia chapter of the Young Lawyer’s Division white collar crime section, and is on the hearing committee serving the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania since 2008.

JENIMAEL ALMQUIST ’04 has joined the firm of Lopez McHugh, where she concentrates her practice in pharmaceutical and other products liability and general plaintiffs’ personal injury/catastrophic loss cases. Almquist was recently appointed to the Green Ribbon Commission of the Philadelphia Bar Association, which encourages sustainable practices for area law firms.

KEN S. MASSEY ’04 joined the law firm ofRubin, Fortunato &Harbison as an associate practicing in the area of employment litigation and arbitration. Massey is a member of the executive committee of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

TERESA M. RODRIGUEZ ’04, immediate past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania, was recently recognized as “Top 10 Under 40” Most Influential Latinos in the Delaware Valley. Rodriguez has been a staff attorney with Friends of Farmworkers, Inc. for six years. She currently chairs the civil rights committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

LISA A. SWIATEK ’04 has joined Ombvermann Maxwell &Hippel as an associate in the litigation department. Prior to joining Ombvermann in 2008, she was an associate with Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Frew &Newby in Philadelphia.

BETH THOME ’04, an attorney in Fox Rothschild’s Exton, PA office, has been elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center.

CRYSTAL BROWN ’05 has been named to the senior leadership team of the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. Brown is counsel to Assistant Attorney General Ignacia S. Moreno. She came to the division after serving at the White House as deputy associate counsel for presidential personnel. Prior to this, she was an associate at the law firm of Bryan Cave. In 2008, Brown was inducted into Temple University’s Gallery of Success.

DIUGN TRAN ’05, an associate at the law firm of Smith &McMaster, was recently awarded the F. Sean Peretta Service Award, presented annually to an individual who has devoted substantial time to an innovative or non-traditional program that serves the community. Tran concentrates her practice on municipal representation, including land use and development. She has worked in family law, including protection from abuse cases, and immigration representation with the legal assistance program of A Woman’s Place, a Bucks County nonprofit organization that provides assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Tran is also the editor of the Bucks County Law Reporter, a member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Philadelphia School District’s taskforce on racial and cultural harmony.

JOHN M. PINTO ’07 practices in the Philadelphia office of Dechert and focuses on mass torts and product liability matters, primarily defending companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. In addition, Pinto maintains a pro bono practice that has included successfully representing a mentally disabled plaintiff in the ejectment of trespassers from his home, a Title VII employment discrimination case, and landlord/tenant disputes. He also served as co-counsel in a prisoner’s civil rights case and obtained a favorable settlement for his client on the eve of trial. Pinto also volunteers in the Philadelphia READs Program.

In 2008, NICOLE RAMOS ’07 joined the Federal Defender Office in Montgomery, AL, as a staff attorney. Her practice consists of representing individuals on Death Row who are challenging their convictions and/or death sentences, as well as representing indigent individuals accused of committing federal crimes. Ramos is also the attorney liaison for the pilot drug court program in federal court for the Middle District of Alabama.

MICHAEL F. SCHLEIGH ’07 recently published an article, “ Owning Up to Attorney Failures: The Need to Disclose Potential Liabilities When Applying for Malpractice Policies,” in the ABA’s The Brief Schleigh is an attorney at the Philadelphia firm of Dasey Mahoney Valentini & North.

RASHEEDAH PHILLIPS ’08 is a staff attorney and Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Fellow at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia. She works in the Community Economic Development unit in the Child Care Law Project, which provides legal representation and policy advocacy to for-profit and non-profit child care programs in the city of Philadelphia. In addition, she also works in the consumer unit, representing homeowners who face threats of foreclosure. Phillips serves on the board of directors of three organizations serving the needs of low-income women and children, and does inspirational speaking on issues facing young parents.

MARIJEKE TUTHILL ’08 joined the Philadelphioffice of the ACLU of Pennsylvania as a legal fellow in September 2009 through the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Program. Immediately after law school, Tuthill clerked for the Honorable A. Richard Caputo of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In October 2010, she will join the litigation department of the Philadelphia law firm of Schoen & Segal.

MARY CLARK ’09 is the Immigration Program Director at Esperanza, a non-profit organization in North Philadelphia that works to strengthen Hispanic communities. The program provides community education, advocacy, and legal services to low-income immigrants and their families.

This spring, JENNIFER J. RILEY ’09 co-coached the mock trial team at Mount Saint Joseph’s Academy with MATTHEW TAYLOR WILKOV ’94. “The Mount” prevailed against 29 competing teams to become the Montgomery County champion and travel to Harrisburg to compete with eleven other teams in the Pennsylvania High School Mock Trial Competition. While at Temple, Riley was a member of the National Trial Team, and a finalist at the National Ethics Trial Competition. Riley is an associate with Rubin, Gluckman, Steinberg and Gifford, where she practices in the areas of family law and litigation. She also volunteers for the American Bar Association’s military pro bono project.

ALUMS SUPPORT OWLS

DECEMBER 2009 Temple law alumni from three different classes gathered to support the Owls football team when they played in the EagleBank Bowl in Washington, D.C. From left, Miles McKehe ’95, Dis Allen ’86, Antar Johnson ’96, and Steve Jackson ’97.

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ARThUR ALAN WOLK 68
Obtains $89 million verdict for aircraft engine failure

APRIL 2010 The Wolk Law Firm, led by trial counsel Arthur Alan Wolk '68, achieved a significant milestone in air crash litigation—this time an $89 million verdict against Avco Corporation for a defective carburetor in a 1999 plane crash that killed three people and severely injured a fourth. Wolk predicts that delay damages from the defendant's appeals will raise the total to well over $100 million.

The verdict in Pridgen v. Avco Corp. was significant not only because of the size of the award, but because it was decided under the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994. This federal statute imposes a statute of repose on lawsuits against aircraft and their component manufacturers eighteen years after the product is first sold. Wolk argued the case under the “knowing misrepresentation” exception to that statute, which requires a claimant to plead and prove that a manufacturer knowingly misrepresented essential information to the FAA that relates to the safety of the product.

The jury in the case agreed with the finding and held Lycoming Engines liable for defect, negligence and conduct justifying the imposition of punitive damages. The compensatory damages totaled just shy of twenty-five million dollars and punitive damages of sixty-four million dollars were then awarded in a separate jury deliberation after the defendant's net worth of sixty-four-five million was disclosed by stipulation.

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Horn went to the suburban Shipley School and the University of Virginia. Both also participated in the AFNA (American Foundation for Negro Affairs) program which mentored black students beginning in the 8th grade to prepare them for careers in law, business and medicine. From their early exposure at the DA's office, to court, and to private attorneys’ offices, they both knew early on that they would become attorneys.

Horn and Tucker had, however, decidedly different starting points. He came from a low-income, North Philadelphia blue-collar home where college did not register on the family’s radar. What he did absorb was his parents’ ethic of hard work. She, on the other hand, came from a middle-class background in West Philadelphia; her father was a teacher and her parents required academic excellence of their children.

Tucker started working at a very early age; he cleaned bathrooms in a factory (where his mother worked). For the two years after the product is first sold. Wolk argued the case under the “knowing misrepresentation” exception to that statute, which requires a claimant to plead and prove that a manufacturer knowingly misrepresented essential information to the FAA that relates to the safety of the product.

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Horn and Tucker worked for some of the city’s top law firms as a litigator before striking out on his own. Now he heads a 10-lawyer firm that represents Fortune 500 companies including Kraft Foods and Shell Oil and several universities including Temple. The firm also specializes in employment discrimination.

Horn also was a litigator for a big Philadelphia firm, had a stint as a stay-at-home mom, and joined Comcast in 2007. “It's the greatest job in the world,” she says from her office “sitting high in the clouds.” She works in the firm’s cable legal group in support of the marketing and advertising department. “I’m proud to be part of an organization that is a good corporate citizen,” she says.

The couple mentors many students through a myriad of organizations. One such organization is the national group ABC (A Better Chance). In the Philadelphia area, ABC targets 8-10 academically talented but economically challenged boys, places them in a group home in the Lower Merion School District where they attend high school, and mentors them through their college careers. Horn and Tucker developed an especially close relationship with one of the students, Deashawn, and invited him to live with them. They refer to the now 30-year-old as their son.

Most recently, they have created at Temple the Alycia Horn and Joe H. Tucker, Jr. Scholarship. This is the second they have endowed (the first is the Carl Singly Scholarship); their most recent scholarship provides tuition for a second or third-year BLSA (Black Law Student Association) member to continue the school’s commitment to racial diversity. “I struggled financially throughout my law school career and we hope to alleviate that problem for someone in similar circumstances,” Tucker explains. “We also hosted a Temple BLSA reception at our house this past year and there is nothing the school asks us to do that we won’t do.”

“When I think about it,” he adds, “how could I not love the school that gave me my wife.”

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JEFF GOODMAN '10 IS 'TOP GUN'

JUNE 9, 2010 Brand new graduate Jeff Goodman ’10 took some time out of his bar exam preparations to represent Temple Law in one last mock trial competition. The inaugural Top Gun Invitational Mock Trial Competition, hosted by Baylor Law School and sponsored by the Texas firm Naman Howell Smith and Lee, offered a unique opportunity to cap off Goodman’s already stellar academic career.

Baylor invited the top sixteen trial advocacy programs in the nation to send one student each, instead of the usual two-person team. Competitors had 24 hours to review the case file. Through six rounds spanning two and a half days, Goodman out-pointed fifteen of the country’s best student advocates in the eyes of the judges, who themselves were experienced trial lawyers, federal district court judges, and members of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Goodman was “jaw-dropping impressive,” says Professor Edward Oltbaurn. “He was driven, focused, and effective. I have seen few young advocates who can match his coolness under fire or his firm grasp of the trial process.” The competition top award of $10,000 goes to the law school. Goodman wins the right to claim the title “Top Gun.”
ALUMNI PROFILE

ALYCIA HORN AND JOE TUCKER JR.

Legal “power duo” give back to school where they first met

Alycia Horn and Joe Tucker Jr. fit the new paradigm of the high-power professional couple: both lawyers at the top of their game and anxious to give back by providing educational opportunities for others.

Yet they are yin and yang. She is a fastidious professional, follows the rules, takes perfect notes. He is spontaneous, speaks eloquently off the cuff, writes nothing down. “I’m too busy reading and thinking,” he explains. He runs (marathons); she walks. He is high energy; she is laid back; his wheels get turning late in the day, she is a morning person. Currently they work in neighboring buildings—he in the Suburban Station Building where he heads his own law firm, The Tucker Law Group, and she in the new Comcast Building where she is a senior counsel at the ever-expanding telecommunications giant—but they never see each other during the workday and come and go to their home in Mt. Airy on different schedules.

They met in 1986, their first year at Temple Law School, and married a year after graduating. Her version: “We met during orientation. I immediately felt like I already knew him, like he was an old friend. But from the day we met, I couldn’t get rid of him. Gradually, my feelings for him turned into something else.” His version: “I was talking to my sister on the telephone when I spotted a female student walking by. I just saw the woman I’m going to marry.” I said into the receiver. It took three months to get her to go on a date with me.”

Horn recalls, “We were informal study partners originally and then during our third year we were trial advocacy partners. He had no notes, and didn’t appear to be prepared. I had everything written out in meticulous detail. I opened, he closed. It was so frustrating. He was brilliant. He’s the smartest person I know. He can wax poetic about anything. And he received the Best Classroom Performance Award.”

What the couple did have in common was an outstanding education prior to their law school careers. Tucker went to Philadelphia magnet schools, Masterman and Central High, and then on to Howard University.

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