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Preparing ‘good advocates and good citizens’

Dear graduates and friends:

Your support is vital to our future. On behalf of our students and my faculty and staff colleagues, thank you to all who are listed in our donor report for fiscal year 2012. We are deeply appreciative. Your investment in Temple Law School has inspired our path forward.

We have much to be proud of, as an institution known for excellence in research and scholarship, finding the sweet blend of theory and practice, and thus graduating students who are learned in the law, skilled in problem-solving, and in possession of professional identities built around integrity, honor and compassion. But this is not a time to rest on our historical success. Changes in the legal profession, brought on in part by economic pressures and technological developments, provide an excellent opportunity for Temple Law School to take the lead in conversations about the future of legal education generally, and in the delivery of the best legal education for the times here at Temple. The legal profession is demanding that law schools reevaluate the content of their curriculum, and potential applicants are insisting that legal education more effectively equip them, at manageable cost, for the practice of law.

At Temple, we see this as a time to renew our commitment not just to excellence, but to progressive excellence. Our vision for the future has three components.

- We want to continue to be recognized, nationally and internationally, as leaders in scholarship and research productivity, in delivering outstanding legal education, and in engaging in activities that contribute meaningful impact towards the uplifting of the community and world in which we live.
- We want to lead and influence conversations about the future of legal education.
- We want the teaching of law to blend substance and context, preparing our students to be good advocates and good citizens.

Our vision requires much of us. We must blend tradition with innovation. We must constantly ensure that what we teach and how we teach is the best that it can be. We must not merely be open to new ideas; we must search them out, by being constantly inquisitive about improvements and persistently impatient about complacency. We must take advantage of the best technology has to offer, both in terms of the delivery of legal education and the equipping of our students to compete effectively in this global legal economy. And we must be a place that understands that learning is more than the transmission of knowledge. It is law in action, and we must be a place where students can experience the law, and witness the majesty of all it can accomplish.

In this way, we will ensure that our students are en route to being knowledgeable, skilled, savvy, ethical and passionate lawyers, a process every member of the law school community will take pleasure in witnessing. This vision starts by attracting and retaining outstanding faculty and students. It is achieved by providing the encouragement and resources to spark their best efforts, to excite their passions, and to inspire them to lead confidently into the future this wonderful institution known as the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Sincerely,

JoAnne A. Epps, Dean
John Langel Scholarship goes to track and field star

When John Langel ’74 celebrated his 60th birthday, Doug and Kathy Collins wanted to make a meaningful gift to the Ballard Spahr litigator. Doug Collins is a four-time NBA All-Star who has coached the Philadelphia 76ers since 2010. Langel is Coach Collins’ attorney who has, over the years, also become a close friend.

Knowing how much Langel values his Temple Law experience, Doug and Kathy Collins decided to endow a scholarship at Langel’s alma mater. The Collins’s envisioned that the scholarship go to “a law student who has credentials that include participation in a collegiate athletic program” as a way to honor theirs and Langel’s shared admiration for scholar-athletes. Langel agreed.

The inaugural recipient of the Langel Scholarship did far more than “participate” in college sports. First-year law student and former track and field star Nicole Leach ’15 is a two-time NCAA champion, and qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials. For two years following college she was a professional runner. She says she is putting a hold on athletic competition—but staying in shape—while she gets her law degree.

The man who inspired the scholarship—John Langel—has a deep commitment to Temple Law and appreciation for the opportunities it created for him. “The school was in a state of positive growth as Peter Liacouras became dean, bringing in terrific faculty who cared about the students,” Langel says. As he neared graduation, the placement office helped him secure a clerkship with former U.S. District Judge Daniel H. Huyett III. After that, he joined Ballard Spahr, where today he is chair of the litigation department.

In 1998, Langel was head of Ballard Spahr’s labor and employment group in Philadelphia when he learned that the U.S. women’s soccer team was making about half what the men’s team was paid per season. To combat that inequality, the women decided to hire a lawyer to help them negotiate higher salaries and better health benefits. Eventually, they met with Langel. The athletes could not afford his rates, but that did not stop Langel. He decided to cut his fee significantly to help them. A year later, the team won a World Cup gold with a victory over China. In the wake of the team’s success, Langel was able to do what he does best: negotiate. In addition to getting the women better salaries and benefits, he was able to improve important aspects of team life by negotiating for better equipment, doctors and transportation.

Today, Langel is chair of the litigation department at Ballard Spahr. In addition to the women’s soccer team, which he still represents, Langel’s sports-related clients include former Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski and—of course—his friend, 76ers Head Coach Doug Collins.

Scholarship recipient puts Olympic aspirations on hold

A lot of Temple students have explored other professions before deciding on law school. Nicole Leach got paid to run. Nike sponsored the Philadelphia native and NCAA all-star to train and compete all over the world for two years after she graduated from UCLA.

While in college, Leach earned gold on the World Junior 4x400 relay team in Beijing. In 2007, she was the NCAA 400 meter hurdle champion, represented the U.S. at the World Championships, and earned two bronze medals at the Pan Am Games. She capped off her college career by qualifying as an Olympic Trials qualifier in 2008 and winning an NCAA championship in 2009. During her post-college years as a professional runner, she traveled to Split, Croatia as a member of the World Cup Team and placed sixth in the women’s 400 meter hurdles. At the 2010 USA Track and Field National Championships she placed second in the 400 meter hurdles.

While growing up in West Philadelphia, Leach says she became involved in track as a result of an older cousin playing football. “I would race all my cousin’s football teammates after his little league practices, and one day a club track coach spotted me and spoke to my dad about me joining the team,” she remembers.

“But once I became involved in track and field, my inspiration to continue and to compete at a professional level came from [Olympic sprinter] Michael Johnson,” she continued.
Entering class continues tradition of diversity

At Temple Law, the faculty—and students—often remark on how the classroom dialogue is enlivened by the breadth of experiences represented in the student body.

Temple Law, like the University, long ago shook off its reputation as a “local” school, while maintaining a commitment to the region. Some of this year’s entering law class grew up within walking distance of Temple’s campus, while others came from rural Pennsylvania or 22 other states and countries. Reflecting the growing globalization of legal education, members of the class were born in Albania, Canada, China, Germany, Grenada, Haiti, India, Moldova, Nigeria, Romania, Syria and Ukraine. Most students speak at least one language other than English, many speak several languages, including two students who listed six.

This year’s entering class also brings a wide range of professional backgrounds. It includes a tax preparer, a video archivist, a casino dealer and a campaign finance director, a behavioral counselor and a Hollywood actor, a builder and a mechanical engineer, a dentist and a medical writer, and analysts of all stripes, including an investment analyst, an IT analyst and a statistical analyst. Two students own their own companies. There is a Marine Corps captain and an Army sergeant who both served tours of duty in Iraq. There is a freelance photographer, a union organizer, a social worker, a police dispatcher, a special education teacher and students who’ve taught English in Chile, South Korea, Ecuador and Japan. Students have completed internships with the Pennsylvania legislature, the U.S. Congress, the White House, the U.N., the British House of Commons and the Italian Parliament.

In a class replete with accomplishment, it is not surprising that there is no shortage of extracurricular accomplishment. There is a nationally ranked debater, the former state chairman of the federation of college Republicans, and students who have served as presidents of their student bodies, their fraternities or the Black Student Union. Athletes in the class include several equestrians, a powerlifter, a surfer, a mixed martial arts specialist, an All-American gymnast, several marathoners and a track and field star. Noted artists include a published poet, an opera singer, a ballet dancer, a ballroom and Latin dancer, and a Native American traditional dancer.
Nicole Leach

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Watching him consistently break records and win medals was definitely something I wanted badly,” Leach developed what she called “that fighter mind-set,” and she hasn’t looked back.

Leach’s track successes began to pile up quickly as she competed for the West Catholic High School team and on the 2004 and 2008 World Junior and 2005 Pan Am Junior teams. She was a six-time All-American, two-time USA Junior 400m hurdles champion, seven-time Catholic League champion, and on and on.

“It was at UCLA when I really decided that I was going to be a professional athlete. It was clear at UCLA that I had a job to do each season and that everyone—coaches, teammates, friends—expected me to get the job done. After my first 400 meter hurdle opener, which was a personal record, I learned that I was capable of living up to the UCLA standards so from there on I carried myself and competed in that way.”

A local sports hero, Leach was recently inducted into the Pennsylvania Track and Field Hall of Fame. At Overbrook Pizza, where her father bought her slices after practice, Leach’s photo hangs next to Philly legends LA Laker Kobe Bryant and actor Will Smith. But when it came to choosing a law school, Leach says she didn’t choose Temple for its location, “I chose it for its prestige, but being in Philly was definitely a plus, since I’m no stranger to the area.”

As a first year student, Leach is pacing herself, but—not surprisingly—her pace is fairly brisk. She has joined the Black Law Student Association and plans to get involved with the Sports/Entertainment Law Society.

Leach is starting to hone in on a career path. “We just wrapped up the Intro to Transaction Skills course, which I loved,” she says. “So I plan to get involved with the Transaction Skills Program next year. I hope this will lead naturally to work in some form of contractual law, potentially sport or entertainment law.”

She continues to work out, close to the library at the Temple gym. A few days a week she treats herself to a run on Martin Luther King Drive along the river. She’s decided she won’t compete any time before 2015. “I have not decided yet, but I am keeping my options open for a potential return to Track and Field for the 2016 Olympics,” says Leach. “I will make a decision by fall 2014.”

“In the meantime, I plan to focus on law school and stay in good running shape, endurance wise, so if I get that itch to compete for an Olympic title, it won’t require too much for me to get back into competition shape.”

Three law students are first Nelson A. Diaz Scholars

The Honorable Nelson A. Diaz, J.D. ’72, Hon. ’90, grew up in a Puerto Rican family in a black Harlem housing project. Throughout his meteoric rise in the legal world, Judge Diaz has remained committed to creating opportunities for other people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Diaz, who has been a partner in two major Philadelphia law firms and an economic developer of urban communities, is one of 35 Latinos to serve as a director of a fortune 500 company, Exelon Corporation.

He has always been a trailblazer. At Temple Law, Diaz founded the first organization devoted to black and Hispanic law students, and recruited the next 15 Latino Temple Law graduates. Following graduation, he was the first Latino to pass the Pennsylvania Bar Exam at a time when there were only 78 African Americans who had ever done so.

Diaz went on to serve as a special assistant to Vice President Walter F. Mondale as a White House Fellow in 1977. He sat on the Court of Common Pleas in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania from 1981 to 1993 as the first Latino judge in the state and the youngest ever elected in Philadelphia. He was the first minority attorney to be an administrative judge in the state courts, where he reformed the trial court. President William Clinton appointed Diaz general counsel to HUD in 1993, and he served in that position, under Secretary Henry Cisneros, throughout Clinton’s first term, working to reform public housing in the country. He later worked for Mayor John Street as Philadelphia City Solicitor.

Diaz has been a member of Temple Hospital’s Board of Governors since 1975 and since 1997, he has served on the Board of Trustees. He has also lectured at Temple Law School and co-directed Temple Legal Aid.

The Diaz Scholarships

In 2012, a grant from the PNC Foundation established the Diaz Scholarships in honor of Judge Diaz’s contribution to the legal world and to the community. The grant allowed the law school to fund three different law students who chose summer work experiences that reflect Diaz’s commitment to the Latino/a community. Judge Diaz serves on the Advisory Council of PNC Bank.

• The Diaz Scholarship enabled Oscar Montes ’13 to work for CEIBA during the summer of 2013. CEIBA is a coalition of Latino community-based organizations in Philadelphia.

• A second Diaz Scholarship recipient, Karenina Wolff ’13, spent the summer at the Esperanza Immigration Legal Services Office. Esperanza provides community education, advocacy, and direct legal services to immigrants in the Philadelphia area.

• Marla Samora ’14 worked at Friends of Farmworkers as a Diaz Scholar. Friends of Farmworkers provides legal and social services to farmworkers, predominantly in the mushroom industry, as well as other immigrant workers and their families.
Conflict of Laws Casebook earns high praise

'The discipline needs updating,' says author Laura Little

“Students often perceive the study of Conflict of Laws as arcane, dry, and possibly even irrelevant,” explains Professor Laura E. Little, when asked why she undertook the challenge of authoring a new casebook on the subject. “Conflict of Laws is none of these things.”

Little, a Temple Law alumna who joined the faculty in 1990, continues: “In fact, conflict of law doctrines control some of the most compelling issues of our time: same-sex marriage, internet regulation, private dispute resolution, international family law conflicts, and mass tort litigation, to name just a few. Equally importantly, Conflict of Laws presents a vehicle for understanding and appreciating issues related to jurisprudence, technology, globalism, and world governance. The existing texts in the field do not take full advantage of the opportunity to introduce students to these issues. Nor do they integrate contemporary theory on legal problems.

“In short, the discipline needs updating.”

The pre-publication reviews for Conflict of Laws have been extravagant in their praise, citing Little’s “outside-of-the-box thinking.” “[T]his is a beautiful casebook,” writes one reviewer, using an adjective rarely applied to the genre. (The publisher of the book, Aspen Publishers, arranged for scholars throughout the United States to critique the draft casebook.)

Another reviewer exclaims, “I am truly excited at the prospect of what the author’s casebook will offer to a Conflict of Laws teacher, such as myself, who has taught the course for a good number of years and is looking for a fresher, more contemporary approach than those offered by [other books that are available].”

“The bottom line is that I think Professor Little is brilliant and is a gifted scholar and writer,” concludes a third reviewer.

Little knows what it takes to fully engage a class in the highly abstract topics of conflicts of laws. She has taught and lectured on the subject for 20 years, in the U.S., Japan, and China. Last year, the Chinese Private International Law Society brought her to Beijing to present a paper on conflict of laws and internet governance. A Swiss academic publication, the European Journal of Private International Law, recently solicited a paper from her analyzing the intersection of Conflict of Laws with the First Amendment. The Federal Judicial Center has repeatedly invited Little to speak on domestic conflict of law issues for a broad range of judges, including bankruptcy, circuit, and district judges.

After graduating from Temple Law, summa cum laude, in 1985, Little’s first job was clerking for Judge James Hunter III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The very next year she garnered a sought-after position clerking for Supreme Court Chief Justice Rehnquist. Before entering academia, she practiced law in Philadelphia, litigating commercial cases and representing the print media in First Amendment cases.

Today, Little is revered as a scholar, but she is equally respected in the classroom. The graduating class has three times voted her the best teacher. She has earned a university-wide Lindback award as well as Temple’s highest award for teaching, the University Great Professor Award.

This is not Little’s first effort to meld teaching with a scholarly project. Among her many writings is a treatise on federal courts, soon to appear in its third edition. Like Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts has been part of her teaching portfolio since 1990.

Little brings depth to the conflict of laws material through interdisciplinary analysis and litigation strategy. These are qualities present in all of Little’s scholarship, which includes several studies of the role of emotion in the law, linguistic analysis, and the legal regulation of humor. Writing on a broad range of topics, she explains, enables unlikely connections among disparate ideas. For problems as challenging as conflict of laws, surprising connections can spark crucial insights.

To make the abstract concrete in the casebook, Little includes more textual description of the legal doctrine than usually appears in conflict of law texts as well as more modern cases, more problems, and more secondary materials. Each topic is accompanied by a set of problems, situating
the high-level concepts in real life situations. The book will be published in innovative ebook format as well as hard copy. Little speaks with gratitude about the help she received from Temple law students and graduates, who—as “digital natives”—contribute information processing insights as well as able research assistance.

“Choice of law issues present profound clashes among the rules that regulate human life. In order to choose which of those rules should actually exert control, legal thinkers must identify first order principles that inform the rules’ content and empower the rules to regulate human affairs. The goal of the book is to provide students with a chance to engage with these jurisprudential questions, giving them a window into fundamental issues such as the legitimate reach of legal authority, the possible sources for a government’s prerogative to control an individual’s affairs as well as the relation between legal rules and public policy.”

And her next project? Continuing with her focus on power struggles, globalization, and interdisciplinary research, Little has undertaken a study of war memorials throughout the world and their relationship with International Criminal Law.

(Excerpt from the introduction to Conflict of Laws Casebook)

**What are the Stakes?**

As you become acquainted with the complexities of conflict of laws doctrine, try not to become distracted away from the tremendously large stakes that often hang in the balance. Remembering the significance of the legal issues in a case is helpful to identifying what is motivating the parties and the court, and thus provides greater insight into the reasoning and bottom line of the decision.

Many ways exist for illustrating how important conflict of laws can be to people’s lives, but two examples—one historical and one contemporary—are particularly apt. (1) The Historical: the law suit that gave rise to the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Dred Scott v. Sanford*, 60 U.S. (19 How) 393 (1856), and (2) The Contemporary: political, practical, and legal struggles over same-sex marriage. Both contexts are laden with conflict of laws issues and both contexts implicate powerful social and cultural issues of their day: the institution of slavery and social attitudes toward homosexuality. *Dred Scott* dealt with the issue of status: when enslaved persons were brought into a free state, were they free or enslaved? The answer came from choice of law principles of the time, which broke down as interstate relationships deteriorated in the mid-1800s. Indeed, for many years leading up to the Civil War, conflict of laws issues arose in fugitive slave cases as well as cases where persons held in slavery claimed freedom upon being transported by their “owners” to free states. These cases raised state choice of law puzzles, issues pertaining to the constitutional duty of full faith and credit due to sister-state laws governing slavery, and questions about the extent to which federal Fugitive Slave Act preempted state law. Ultimately federal constitutional doctrine—in the form of the Thirteenth Amendment—provided clear guidance.

In the contemporary context, same sex marriage deals with the issue of status as well: can two persons of the same sex be deemed married when they are lawfully married in one state, but move to another state that does not recognize such a marriage as valid? The answer to that question is also informed by conflict of laws principles as well as constitutional doctrine. It is matters of this profound magnitude that this book covers.

**IP professor’s expert testimony draws trial judge’s praise**

**OCTOBER 17, 2012** Intellectual property law expert and Temple Law Professor David Post was one of two expert witnesses in *Doe v. State of Nebraska*, a case in which the court struck down a Nebraska statute prohibiting registered sex offenders from undertaking certain activities on the Internet on the grounds the statute violated the First Amendment.

In a footnote to the opinion, Judge Kopf praised Post’s contribution as a witness for the plaintiff. “Professor Post was the most thoughtful and knowledgeable of the experts. I found his discussion of the term ‘collection of websites’ in relation to Google products particularly helpful. It is worth remembering that I strongly suggested that the parties get together to hire one independent expert. I even suggested the name of an independent scholar of Internet law. The parties did not elect to do so. That was their right. However, candor requires that I state that the defense expert—a former prosecutor—struck me as biased, particularly when compared to Professor Post.”

Post, who teaches intellectual property law and the law of cyberspace, is also a fellow at the Center for Democracy and Technology, a fellow of the Institute for Information Law and Policy at New York Law School, an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, and a contributor to the Volokh Conspiracy blog.
National Trial Team brings home victories

Team opens years with a win in Puerto Rico

OCTOBER 21, 2012 After defeating Harvard in the semi-finals, Temple Law’s National Trial Team triumphed over Catholic University to win the Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition. The competition unfolded in the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, before the Honorable Hector M. LaFitte and a jury of trial lawyers and judges from Puerto Rico. The other schools represented were Brooklyn, Emory, Howard, Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Lewis & Clark, Suffolk, Alabama, Houston and South Dakota.

Competing for Temple were Michelle Ashcroft ’14, Emilia McKee ’14, Cindy Morgan ’13, Dan Theveny ’13, and Britt Walden ’14. Theveny was named “best cross-examiner in the competition.” The team was coached by Professors Sara Jacobson, Director of Trial Advocacy Programs and Jen Breitschneider, Director of Experiential Programs.

Winners of the Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition (from left): Sara Jacobson (coach), Michelle Ashcroft ’14, Cindy Morgan ’13, Daniel Theveny ’13, Brittne Walden ’14, Emilia McKee ’14, Jennifer Breitschneider (coach).

Members of the Nat’l Civil Rights Competition Championship team (from left): Kyle Garabedian ’14, Adriel Garcia ’14, Catherine Cramer ’14, Justin Oshana and Sara Guccini (coaches). Missing from photo: Benjamin McKenna ’13.

Temple reclaims National Civil Rights Championship

OCTOBER 28, 2012 The Temple team captured a second invitational title of the season when it won the National Civil Rights Competition sponsored by St. John’s Law School. Temple won the competition in 2004 and has twice made it to the semi-final round. The team traveled to Queens, NY to defeat South Texas in the semi-final and Hofstra in the final round.

The championship team was comprised of Catherine Cramer ’13, Kyle Garabedian ’14, Adriel Garcia ’13, and Ben McKenna ’13, and was coached by Assistant District Attorney Sara Guccini and Justin Oshana ’06 of Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett & Bendesky.

Bartow lauded as ‘champion for children with special needs’

OCTOBER 11, 2012 When Rob Bartow ’71 attended evening classes at Temple Law, he arrived each afternoon fresh from a very different type of classroom. Bartow’s day job was teaching at the Green Tree School in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. The students who attend Green Tree have learning disabilities that include autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays and serious emotional challenges.

Today, Bartow is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Laura H. Carnell Professor of Law at his alma mater, and much-recognized for his abilities as a teacher of the law. He has won the George P. Williams Award for excellence in teaching, the Lindback Award for distinguished teaching and the Murray H. Shusterman Outstanding Faculty Award. In 1991, he was the first recipient of the I. Herman Stern Chair in Law, which recognizes faculty members for their teaching ability.

But the three years Bartow spent at Green Tree left him with a deep commitment to the population he taught there as well. For almost forty years, Bartow has served on the school’s board of trustees, including a term as president and many years as a member of the executive committee.

At an event held in October at the Franklin Institute, Bartow was honored for that service with the AI Silverman Bright Futures Award. Members of the Green Tree School community and friends of the school gathered that evening to launch a building capital campaign and to hear Temple Law’s Rob Bartow described as “a real champion for children with special needs.” A number of Bartow’s law school colleagues and former students were in attendance.

In his remarks, Bartow said, “As is true at Temple Law School, Green Tree’s mission is not just a statement; it is central to the school’s culture. Green Tree has given thousands of children and their families, who had nowhere else to turn, a brighter future. From Temple and Green Tree, I have received a priceless gift—a sense of purpose.”
1970s

GABRIEL L.I. B EVILACQUA ’73 has been appointed vice-chair of the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Bevilacqua is of counsel to the firm Saul Ewing, where he has been a member of the board since 2008. He is also general counsel to the American Board of Surgery and to the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

In November 2012, DOREEN S. DAVIS ’78 joined the New York offices of Jones Day as a partner in the labor and employment practice. Previously, Davis headed Morgan, Lewis & Bockius’ labor and employment practice. While Davis was at Morgan Lewis, the firm won awards for its labor and employment practice, including one recently from The Legal Intelligencer.

JOSEPH D. M ANCANO ’79, a partner of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick and Raspani, presented “Understanding Bank Agreements” and “Legal Pitfalls in Treasury” at the University of North Carolina Treasury Management Program in October 2012. Mancano is chair of the firm’s white collar criminal defense group and a member of the commercial litigation group.

1980s

STEWART EISENBERG ’80, a founder and senior partner at Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeffc, was recently appointed to a three-year term to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Board of Directors for the American Association for Justice. Eisenberg is a past president of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, as well as a past president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

BARBARA ANISO ’81, a principal in the litigation group of Kaplin Stewart in Blue Bell, PA, has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

Reed Smith partner LEONARD A. BERNSTEIN ’83 has joined Big Brothers Big Sisters of America’s board of directors. Bernstein first became a Big Brother in 1983 while he was a law student, and he later served as the organization’s acting general counsel. Since 2010, Bernstein’s firm has provided pro bono legal services to the organization. Bernstein is a former board president of the Support Center for Child Advocates.

HON. ANNETTE RIZZO ’83, of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, has been appointed to the newly-formed Consumer Advisory Board, which will provide advice to the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) on consumer financial issues and emerging market trends. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act charged the CFPB with establishing the 25-member advisory board.

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute invited NEIL ANDREW STEIN ’83 to be the course planner for “Property Wars,” a CLE program covering property rights litigation and development issues. Stein is co-founder and shareholder at Kaplin, Stewart, Meloff, Reiter & Stein in Blue Bell, PA.

MARC S. RASPANTI ’84, a partner of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspani, has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The college has almost 6,000 members in the U.S. and Canada; membership cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province.

EVAN A. BLAKER ’89 has joined Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman’s commercial litigation group and will work in the Philadelphia office.

Lawyers’ Club honors Judge Lazarus

SEPT EMBER 10, 2012 Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Anne E. Lazarus, J.D. ’76, LL.M. ’86, with Mayor Michael Nutter, was honored by the Lawyers’ Club of Philadelphia at its Appellate Court Fall at City Hall. Lazarus, a former Common Pleas judge, was elected to the State Superior Court in 2009.
JAMES KOZUCH '85, a senior partner at Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen and Pokotilow, was recently invited to join the panel of arbitrators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. Kozuch is an arbitrator for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and serves on the Commercial Roster of Neutrals of the American Arbitration Association.

MARY DAVIS '86 is an off-Broadway producer in New York City. She has produced three shows: The Shoemaker with Danny Aiello, Tennessee Williams’ The Pretty Trap, and She’s of a Certain Age. Currently, she is developing Susan Charlotte’s one act play about voter suppression, When Truth Is Not Enough. Davis also does pro bono work for the ACLU of PA.

LORI SHMTOB '87, a founding partner of Shmtoob Law, has been elected secretary of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Shmtoob has practiced divorce and family law for more than 20 years.

NANCY WINKLER '87, a partner at Eisenberg Rothweiler Winkler Eisenberg & Jeck, is president-elect of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. She will become president in 2013. Winkler also serves on the board of governors of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice. In 2008, she was inducted as a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

ANDREW S. ABRAMSON '89, of Abramson Employment Law in Blue Bell, PA, appeared on Philadelphia Business Talk Radio with host Kenny Dubin to speak about issues pertaining to employees, independent contractors and employment discrimination.

1990s

DANIEL JECK '92, a partner at Eisenberg Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck, has been elected to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

SPIN AUCTION 2013
Mark your calendar

One of the most fun social and networking events of the year, the annual SPIN auction, is a festive opportunity for you to support the work of the Student Public Interest Network. Each spring, alumni, students, faculty and friends of the law school gather to bid on items that included dinner with the dean, a weekend in Ocean City, a week in Hilton Head, a couture bridal dress, a Coach purse, and the ever popular Phillies tickets. The proceeds (last year’s auction netted $28,000) go to support law students who pursue public interest work positions in the summer.

ONLINE AUCTION
March 18 to 24, 2013

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Duane Morris, LLP
30 S. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA

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The New York firm of Alston & Bird recently announced the addition of Kamal Jafarnia ’92 to the firm’s financial services and products group. Jafarnia has served as the chief compliance officer for several registered investment advisory firms and FINRA broker dealer member firms.

The Association of Corporate Counsel recently announced the appointment of Derede McAlpin ’92 as its new vice president and chief communications officer. ACC represents over 30,000 in-house counsel. McAlpin previously served as vice president with the global crisis communications firm, Levick Strategic Communications.

Richard Suter ’92 has joined Great American Insurance Group as divisional vice president of the property and casualty group’s alternative markets division. Suter will be based in Hartford, CT.

Anthony L. Byler ’95, formerly of Byler & Blaker, has joined Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman where he will work in the firm’s construction group.

Henry Yampolsky ’05 recently joined the board of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Yampolsky, a senior associate at the Philadelphia firm of Galfand Berger, was also recently elected to the amicus curiae committee of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice.

David Wesley Cornish ’11 has opened Cornerstone Legal Group with offices at the Small Business Development Incubator on Cecil B. Moore Avenue in Philadelphia. Cornish started his own firm right out of law school and “I haven’t looked back... I mostly practice criminal law but I am a maverick because I am trying to create a 100% referral based business.”

IN MEMORIAM

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Class of 1963

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