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MAY 1, 2017  The founder of Temple University Russell Conwell wrote, in his oft-quoted Acres of Diamond essay, that when looking for diamonds, “dig in your own backyard!” This spring, following a national search, Temple University President Richard M. Englert named law school “diamond” Gregory N. Mandel to succeed JoAnne A. Epps as Beasley School of Law’s eleventh dean. Mandel has served as interim dean since July 2016, when Epps was appointed executive vice president and provost of the university. Epps had been dean of the law school since 2008, and taught at the law school for over 30 years before moving into the administration. As dean, Epps guided the school through the recession, when law schools nationwide experienced reduced enrollment, revenue and job opportunities for their graduates. Epps responded by expanding the school’s experiential offerings, and enhancing its business and transactional law curriculum. She also secured gifts from alums to create a center for social justice inquiry and advocacy, and for student scholarships.

Mandel joined the faculty in 2007, one year prior to Epps becoming dean, and worked closely with her throughout the period when she was dean. In 2009, Epps named Mandel to the position of associate dean for research, recognizing his talent for overseeing this critical area of growth and excellence at the law school. In 2011, Mandel was further honored by becoming the Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law.

From Hubble Space Telescope to Temple Law

With an undergraduate degree in physics and astronomy from Wesleyan University, Mandel was hired straight out of college to work on NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope in Baltimore. As manager of a team that reprocessed telescope images, he won achievement awards for both individual and group work.

Building on that intellectual rigor, Mandel decided to enroll in Stanford Law School. During his first summer of law school he interned for Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Armed with a law degree, Mandel remained in California to practice law with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in San Francisco, after clerking for a year for Judge Jerome Farris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of Appeals.

Before joining the Temple Law faculty, Mandel taught at Albany Law School, where he also served as associate dean for research and scholarship. He has held visiting professorships at Paris Nanterre University, through a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant; the University of Canterbury School of Law in New Zealand; and the University of Cádiz Faculty of Law in Spain.

At Temple, Mandel teaches courses in intellectual property law, patent law, and property. His publications have been selected as among the best intellectual property and patent law articles of the year three times—including one that was recognized as among the most cited patent law articles of the past decade.
EDITOR: What are your roots in Philadelphia?

I grew up in East Mt. Airy and went to The Miquon School, and then Germantown Friends School for high school. Today, I live in Chestnut Hill with my wife, Alyson Mandel, who has a doctorate in social psychology and works as a research consultant for a health care management company, and our two children, Evelyn and Isaac.

Undergraduate study in physics and astronomy shows a pretty strong commitment to science. And a job right out of college working on the Hubble space telescope is quite a plum. What happened that made you decide to enroll in law school?

I very much enjoyed the intellectual challenge, problem solving, and learning about the world that are central to astronomy and physics but, although these studies are about the “real world,” I wanted a career that afforded a greater opportunity to have an impact on the “real world” of individuals’ lives and society. I had thought about a career in law for some time, and the analytic rigor, systems of organization, and problem solving challenges share some similarities with physics and astronomy. For me, law added the important component of more directly affecting people’s lives.

Following law school, and with your strong science background, you looked to practice in environmental law and intellectual property. What made you leave practice and enter academia?

I moved from private practice to academia for a couple of broad reasons. I very much enjoyed my law school experience, feeling that it opened my eyes to new ways of understanding society and the world, and sought the opportunity to try to play a similar role in educating future generations of lawyers. I was also excited about studying and researching legal topics and issues of my own choosing, in an effort to improve the law and the legal system. Both of these aspects of working in legal education have proven highly rewarding for me.

What has changed about legal education since you were a student?

The core of law school is very similar to my own experience, but there have been some significant changes. Clinical and experiential learning opportunities have grown to take on a much greater role in legal education, international studies permeate the curriculum to a greater degree, interdisciplinary education is growing, and, of particular interest to me, the study of intellectual property law has greatly expanded since I went to law school.

You joined Temple Law in 2007. Shortly thereafter, the economy created some difficult challenges for law schools. How do you feel Temple Law has fared?

Temple Law School has been lucky in that we were supported by the University in shrinking our class size so that we have been able to maintain our high standards for incoming students. Our students come from a wide variety of both non-traditional and traditional backgrounds, and every student we admit we believe has a strong likelihood of succeeding in law school and in practice.

The changes in the economy have caused many students to become more “job-focused” during their legal school careers, and this, for instance, has had ripple effects on how students spend their summers and on participation in study abroad

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Mandel’s experimental studies have been cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and in briefs filed before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has presented his scholarship over 150 times in more than 15 countries, including for the United Nations, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the American Bar Association and the National Academy of Sciences.

Dean Mandel: ‘A Natural Leader’

“Greg is a natural leader who is totally committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service,” says Epps. “Those qualities helped him guide Temple Law through a period of transition.

“Now the Temple community is going to get a chance to see another side of Greg: his spirit of innovation. I can’t wait to see where he’ll take the school next.”

“I look forward to working with President Englert and Provost Epps, and our exceptional faculty and staff, to further strengthen this remarkable law school,” says Mandel.

“Our mission to provide a superior, affordable and accessible legal education to a diverse student body sets us apart. I am honored to be a part of advancing both Temple Law’s commitment to being at the forefront of how law schools can contribute to society through scholarship, advocacy, and community involvement, and the role that legal education can play in shaping the next generation of lawyers.”

An interview with Dean Mandel

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programs. We are very pleased that the employment outlook for our graduates is strengthening significantly and our recent graduating classes have had remarkable success in job placement.

Uncertain times can serve as incubators of innovation and opportunity. If you agree, what opportunities and innovations do you envision in Temple Law’s future?

One area that I study is how the law must respond to the new legal issues brought about by technological change. These challenges are occurring all around us, from regulatory matters, to financial markets, to the impacts of automation on the workforce, to the effects of social media in myriad ways. We have many faculty members doing exceptional work in this field and Temple Law School has an opportunity to be a thought leader in these areas going forward.

We will also be looking at developing additional relationships and partnerships with other institutions for the benefit of our students, faculty, and alumni. This will range from the local, such as potentially the National Constitution Center, to the international. We already have strong institutional connections and programs abroad, and there is room to build upon this by expanding our associations both substantively and geographically.

How has Temple Law School approached the problem of debt loads facing students when they graduate?

We are very proud at Temple Law School that our tuition and the average indebtedness of our graduates are both in the lowest quartile of law schools nationally (this is one area where we want to be below average). There are only a couple other law schools in the country of similar reputation that can say this. Although legal education is expensive, keeping costs low is a core part of our mission. Doing so requires not only recruiting individuals from varied and diverse backgrounds, but also ensuring that we have an open and inclusive environment at the law school that adequately supports everyone’s development, and that gives people the tools necessary to succeed both in law school and in their careers as graduates.

What are you most proud of at the law school? What are some of the objectives that, as a leader, you’ll want to highlight or expand?

I am most proud of our faculty and students. I was drawn to Temple Law School initially because of a couple of central qualities: a sense of a cultural fit with an exceptional, diverse faculty that cares deeply about teaching, scholarship, and community, and a mission-driven approach to providing a superior, affordable, and accessible legal education to a diverse student body.

Periods of transition and change can be challenging for institutions, but they also present new opportunities. I would like to see us at the forefront of exploring how law schools can contribute to shaping society, though our scholarship, through our advocacy, through our community involvement, and through the role that legal education can play in social mobility by training the next generation of lawyers.

When you’re not leading a law school, you’re an avid exerciser and an enthusiastic mountain climber. Are there any parallels you would like to make between tackling a difficult climb and being a dean?

An interesting question. This could easily be overstated, but both endeavors require lots of careful planning and preparation in advance of taking action, simultaneous attention to big picture challenges and nuanced details, and the ability to make carefully considered strategic decisions as well as taking advantage of opportunities that unexpectedly arise. No matter how carefully you plan, there are always surprises ahead, and you must be willing to adapt in process.
From the volume of letters offered in support of her nomination, it is clear that Professor Alice Abreu has been a Great Teacher for a very long time. This spring, Temple University made that official by honoring her with the Great Teacher Award, the highest honor bestowed by the university upon its faculty.

Dean Gregory Mandel took the opportunity to heap praise upon Professor Abreu, describing the “universal admiration of all who know Professor Abreu,” not only for her “zeal for tax law,” but also for her “passion for teaching . . . and her excitement for drawing colleagues into the intersection of tax law and their practice areas.”

Mandel’s remarks were echoed in scores of letters from faculty, students, and alumni. “I was a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers when I decided to attend Temple’s Law School,” wrote an alumnus from the class of 2001. “Alice’s tax classes were by far the best tax sessions I had ever attended. She engaged her students, made them think and had a passion for the material that infected the whole class.”

One member of the class of 2013 appreciated Abreu’s talent for meeting students where they are and helping them understand the complex subject: “In the classroom, Professor Abreu does not teach to the top students, nor does she teach to the lowest common denominator. Instead, she raises all students up to the highest possible level,” he wrote. “Most importantly, rather than just teaching how to answer specific tax questions, she teaches how to think about tax.”

Teaching how to think about tax is at the core of Abreu’s teaching philosophy. “I believe that learning the law does not involve memorizing a set of disembodied rules,” she wrote in a statement about her approach to teaching aptly titled Understanding the Why. “It is a process that explores why those are the rules we have, who benefits, who is harmed, and what forces might change the rules.”

Many of Abreu’s faculty colleagues cited that process in their praise for Low Income Taxpayer Policy and Practice (LITPP), an innovative course created by Abreu that has become the model for similar courses at other institutions. LITPP blends reading and reflection on tax policy with hands-on experience preparing returns for low income taxpayers through the IRS’ VITA program, exposing students...
to the ways in which tax law meets—or fails to meet—its policy objectives. One colleague described the concept as, “simply brilliant: skills training, service, policy education, and professional reflection in one neat package.”

Like all great teachers, part of what Abreu does is to embrace her students’ humanity and ignite their potential, often before they even see it in themselves. One current student wrote that this perceptiveness changed the course of her life. “Professor Abreu believed in my abilities before I did, recognizing my talent for tax even after not performing as well as I should have on my first tax exam. She encouraged me to continue taking tax classes and push myself to be a better student,” she wrote.

“Because of Professor Abreu, I now have confidence. I am confident that I can be an excellent lawyer and advocate particularly in the tax field, but really in any field of law I wish.”

Abreu, who earned her law degree from Cornell University in 1978, joined the Temple Law faculty in 1983 and was named the Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government in 1993. Before joining Temple Law School, she clerked for Judge Edward N. Cahn in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and practiced tax law with Dechert in Philadelphia. She has been a visiting professor at a number of institutions, including the Harvard Law School and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Abreu has published widely in the area of federal income tax law, with a special emphasis in the formulation of tax policy. She has been quoted in the tax column of the Wall Street Journal, has served as secretary and vice chair for publications of the tax section of the American Bar Association, and is a frequent speaker at national and regional tax conferences.

Apparently, Abreu’s passions extend beyond tax law. Since 1999, Abreu has spent many summers teaching in the law school’s program in Rome. In recent years, she has co-directed or directed the program. A native Spanish speaker, she has studied in Rome to develop competency in Italian. And another passion—and area of excellence: Abreu has run the Rome marathon twice and the Philadelphia marathon three times.

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—George Gregory ’01, Berwind Corporation

“Professor Abreu was extremely important to my development as a lawyer. I loved her class, and her enthusiastic teaching style, so much I opted to take her tax policy course. She was demanding in all the best ways.”
—Jim Walden ’91, Walden Macht & Haran LLP

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“Professor Abreu could not have made tax more engaging—she hurled herself unreservedly into the stories and narratives of tax and tax policy in a way that riveted our attention and made us truly want to geek out and get facile with the Code.”
—Joyce Koh ’02, Joyce Koh LLC

“One day, as we left the classroom, I asked her what she did in her spare time, what she did for fun and relaxation. Alice responded in a flash something to the effect that what she most enjoyed doing was curling up in a big chair, by a warm fire, glass of wine in hand, and reading the latest issue of the Journal of Taxation. It was there and then that I knew that Alice Abreu was special—a rainbow, an original.”
—William R. Wanger ’75, Fox Rothschild

‘SHE IS ALSO A MASTER TEACHER OF HER COLLEAGUES.’

“Alice’s teaching is not limited to her students. She is also a master teacher of her colleagues. When I first joined the Temple Law faculty, Alice took me under her wing and, without me quite noticing it, taught me how to be a law professor.”
—Jeffrey Dunoff, Laura H. Carnell Professor of Law

“Alice’s enthusiasm for teaching has also helped make the Rome [summer] program a success. She has directed or co-directed the program many times, and her energy and willingness to keep making changes to meet the changing legal landscape and needs of our students has kept that program vibrant during difficult times for law school programs abroad.”
—Theresa Glennon, Professor of Law

“Alice does not see any conflict between being an excellent teacher and an excellent scholar. If you are a student in one of Alice’s classes, you can be sure that you will be exposed to the most current and important trends in scholarship. And Alice herself is a proficient scholar who has earned a notable national reputation.”
—Robert J. Reinstein, Clifford Scott Green Professor of Law
Longtime member of the Temple Law faculty James A. Strazzella—or “Straz,” as he was known affectionately by faculty and students—taught until a few days before his untimely death on January 28, 2017.

Teaching law was his passion. In 2015, upon winning one of many awards, Strazzella said, “I love teaching, I love being able to see young people grow into their true potential. If you do what you love, you never work a day in your life.”

As the law school community struggled with this sudden loss, a memorial service was convened on February 24, 2017. Close friend and longtime colleague Professor James Shellenberger offered opening remarks.

“Straz was an extraordinary teacher and a terrific lawyer, but even more he was a wonderfully generous, sincere and caring person,” said Shellenberger. “Totally genuine, never arrogant or showy. He never did anything for personal credit or gain or accolades, but because it was the right thing to do. An unwavering moral compass.

“Among the many comments posted on the law school website’s guest book in Jim’s memory were two that capture who he was and what he meant to so many people: ‘Can a man who touched so many lives and left so many fond memories really be gone? I think not.’ And, ‘Everyone should have a Straz in their life.’ Temple was fortunate to have Jim Strazzella in its life.”

Professor Finbarr McCarthy remembered Strazzella telling him that “the longer he taught, the less he taught. However,” said McCarthy, “he still spent about six hours preparing for each one hour of class, even after all his years of teaching. The students, he said, deserved no less.”

Forty-four years on Temple Law faculty

Strazzella came to Temple Law in 1973, taught courses in criminal law, criminal procedure, and appellate procedure, and was acting dean from 1987 to 1989. His popularity in the classroom was recognized with the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1983, and the George P. Williams Award for Outstanding Professor in 2010. In 1989, he was named the James G. Schmidt Professor of Law. Prior to joining the Temple Law faculty, he taught and served as vice-dean at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law from 1969 to 1973.

Professor Theresa Glennon described the role her colleague and friend played in the law school community. “Jim’s presence was felt in his many individual acts of kindness within the law school community. He always had a kind word, a genuine interest in the lives and wellbeing of others, and he carried this through in his day-to-day life in the law school as well as in his many contributions to public service.”

“The Law School has lost one of its giants,” said Professor Rafael Porrata-Doria. “Jim was an incredibly talented teacher. I have never seen anyone who could use the Socratic method so effortlessly and effectively. As acting dean, he successfully managed the law school through a tumultuous transition. He was also a universally recognized expert on Pennsylvania criminal law.”

Strazzella’s service on councils, task forces, and commissions reflected his passion for the law and for the people it was written to serve. He was chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s criminal rules committee, leading an intensive effort to modernize Pennsylvania criminal procedure. He also served on Pennsylvania’s Judicial Council, and was an advisor to the national program for the continuing education of appellate court judges.

Strazzella served on the national stage, first as an assistant U.S. attorney for D.C. from 1965 to 1969. In 1968, he was named designee of the U.S. attorney to the committee on the administration of justice under emergency conditions. In 1970, he was named chief counsel to the Kent State task force. In 1998, he chaired the ABA task force on the federalization of criminal law.

With an abiding love for Philadelphia and its history, Strazzella was active in numerous public and charitable endeavors. As chair of the board of Smith Memorial Playground, he helped raise $10 million to revitalize the iconic North Philadelphia playground. The Fireman’s Hall Museum in Philadelphia presented him with the Founder’s Award in recognition of his work on behalf of that institution. He also was a trustee of the Wagner Free Institute of Science, a public library trustee, and a president of A Better Chance in Lower Merion.

Born in the central Pennsylvania town of Hanover, Strazzella earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Following law school, he clerked for Justice Samuel J. Roberts of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Strazzella is survived by children Jill S. Dixon, Steve A. Strazzella, Tracy A. Graziano, and Michael Strazzella; nine grandchildren; and a brother, Henry Strazzella.
MAKING SENSE OF THE LEGAL HEADLINES

Lecture series sorts out ‘fact from spin’

APRIL 18, 2017 Throughout March and April, the Sheller Center for Social Justice hosted a series of lectures and panel discussions by members of the Temple Law faculty to discuss vital issues dominating the national headlines.

In the first in the four-part series, “Making Sense of the Legal Headlines,” Jaya Ramji-Nogales, Herman Stern Professor of Law, and Peter J. Spiro, Charles R. Weiner Professor of Law, were joined by Jonathan Grode, an immigration attorney and adjunct professor at Temple Law, to explore border security and interior enforcement, including Presidential orders concerning a border wall and suspending aid to “sanctuary cities.” At a subsequent panel, Ramji-Nogales and Spiro returned to discuss President Trump’s highly-publicized travel and refugee bans.

In a panel titled “Crime and Policing,” Professor Lauren Ouziel, Meg Reiss, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Charles H. Ramsey, former Philadelphia Police Commissioner and co-chair of President Obama’s taskforce on 21st century policing, addressed crime and policing in a time of intense national discussion of police practices and mass incarceration.

Last in the series was Professor Amy Sinden, who led a discussion on climate change and federal policy—days before massive Earth Day “Science” marches across the country protested Presidential policies and climate-change denying appointments.

Sheller Center seeks to inspire and inform social justice work

“The series was borne out of an interest in serving as a resource to the larger Temple University community,” explains Sheller Center program coordinator Len Rieser. “Our goal was to help cut through the confusion surrounding these often complex legal issues so interested people could sort out fact from spin and form more informed perspectives on what’s happening in our country.” Each discussion was supplemented by a resource guide compiled by Temple Law librarians for further research, and students wrote blog posts after each panel.

“The increase in civic engagement and interest in social justice in recent months has been extraordinary, and very encouraging,” says Professor Jennifer Lee, who teaches the Social Justice Lawyering Clinic at the Sheller Center. “The series was an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing conversation on Temple’s campus and provide inspiration to students and faculty to engage in social justice work in partnership with impacted communities.”

The Sheller Center for Social Justice was created in 2013 by a generous gift from Stephen and Sandra Sheller. The center's faculty and staff work with law students seeking justice for disadvantaged populations in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania through social justice inquiry and advocacy.

U.S. Tax Court Judge delivers Fogel Lecture

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 The Hon. Cary D. Pugh presented the Frank and Rose Fogel Lecture: “Impressions of a (Reasonably) Newly-Minted Tax Court Judge.” Judge Pugh says she is the second-most junior member of the U.S. Tax Court, having been nominated in 2014 by President Obama.

The tax court is composed of 19 presidentially appointed members. It is physically located in Washington, DC, but the judges travel nationwide to conduct trials in various designated cities. Pugh says that training to serve on the court consists of watching trials, “And then I was sent out into the field.”

While Pugh says she’s been told “it takes about ten years to get up to speed,” her background should accelerate that process. Pugh earned a law degree from University of Virginia in 1994, and clerked for Judge Jackson L. Kiser of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia. She was an associate at Vinson & Elkins for four years, before being named tax counsel for the U.S. Senate committee on finance, advising committee members on individual and corporate tax issues from 2002 to 2005. From 2005 to the time she joined the bench, Pugh was counsel in the tax department at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

The Frank and Rose Fogel Lectureship was established in 1987 through a bequest from Frank Fogel ’23.
FELLOWSHIP HONORS
HON. ALBERT W. SHEPPARD JR. ’68

Rachel Sellers ’17 interned in ‘Commerce Court’ started by Judge Sheppard

NOVEMBER 17, 2016  Last fall, Rachel C. Sellers ’17 became the inaugural Sheppard Fellow at a reception at the law firm of Montgomery McCracken in Philadelphia. The reception was co-hosted by Temple Law and Judge Sheppard’s son, Mark Sheppard, co-chair of Montgomery McCracken’s white collar practice group and a member of the firm’s management committee.

The fellowship supported Sellers in a student clerkship position with the Commerce Case Management Program, unofficially referred to as Commerce Court. Judge Sheppard helped facilitate the founding of the Commerce Court and was the court’s supervising judge when he died in 2011 at the age of 74.

The Honorable Albert W. Sheppard Scholarship Fund was established by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and the Philadelphia Bar Association’s business law section. The fellowship program was established in summer 2016. As this year’s first fellowship recipient, Sellers received a stipend during the fall semester, and participated in a credit-earning practicum in the spring. Sellers is the first student to benefit from this two-semester model, which was expanded from an original summer clerkship experience.

JUDGE SHEPPARD HAD GOOD REASON TO BE PROUD OF THE COMMERCE CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH HAS WON AWARDS FOR PIONEERING FAIR AND COST-EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION OF COMPLEX BUSINESS DISPUTES, AND HAS BEEN A MODEL FOR JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

From left: Dean Gregory Mandel, Chief Judge Patricia McInerney, Mark Sheppard, portrait of Judge Sheppard, Mitchell Bach, Jessica Hilburn-Holmes, executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, and Rachel Sellers ’17

Commerce Court changed how business is done in Philadelphia

At the scholarship presentation, a co-founder of the Commerce Court, Mitchell L. Bach of Eckert Seamans, described Sheppard’s passion for the highly-recognized program. Judge Sheppard had good reason to be proud of the program, which has won awards for pioneering fair and cost effective resolution of complex business disputes, and has been a model for jurisdictions across the country and around the world.

The first of its kind in Pennsylvania and one of the earliest anywhere, the creation of the Commerce Court in 2000 was part of a larger effort to reduce crisis-level case backlogs that ballooned throughout the ’80s and early ’90s.

The history of the court goes back to 1999, when legislation aimed at streamlining commercial litigation in Pennsylvania failed, and a group of determined attorneys worked with then-administrative Judge John Herron to establish a program within the trial division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas to handle complex corporate and commercial litigation disputes involving matters over $50,000.

When the Commerce Court was launched in 2000, the object was to assign Common Pleas Court judges—originally two, now three—who specialize in business disputes and remain with cases from beginning to end. In the past, judges switched multiple times during a case, often resulting in inconsistent judgments. Judge Sheppard, who had been elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 1983, and Judge Herron were the first two jurists to serve on the Commerce Court, where Sheppard remained until his death.

In the years since its inception, the program has set trends in making business dispute resolution more efficient and
predictable. Commerce Court encourages early settlements through mediation or assignment of one of the program’s judges pro tempore, who are legal volunteers trained in alternative dispute resolution. With the improvements, fewer cases are removed to the federal court, and more plaintiffs feel comfortable bringing disputes to Philadelphia.

Rachel Sellers ’17: Fellowship recipient honors the legacy
Judge Patricia A. McInerney, the current supervising judge of Commerce Court, remembered working with the tireless Judge Sheppard. She said he would be proud to know his legacy in the courts—and court reform—is being honored through the scholarship fund, enabling students like Rachel Sellers to work in the Commerce Court.

Sellers has excelled at Temple Law: In May 2017, she graduated magna cum laude. She served as research editor of the Temple Law Review and completed a Business Law Certificate. She has been active in SPIN as well as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Following graduation, Sellers joins KPMG as an associate in the mergers and acquisitions practice group. And then, back to court. Beginning in 2018, she will clerk for Hon. Mitchell Goldberg, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Peter Spiro addresses ‘growing acceptance’ of dual citizenship
Peter Spiro, renowned expert in citizenship and immigration law, delivered the 2016 Arlin and Neysa Adams Lecture in Constitutional Law before a gathering of faculty, students, and members of the Philadelphia legal community. In the lecture, Spiro spoke about the growing acceptance of dual citizenship, which was once considered an abomination akin to polygamy and carried the penalty of expatriation, but today is fairly common and has no impact on American citizenship status at all.

Spiro is the author of At Home in Two Countries: The Past and Future of Dual Citizenship, published by NYU Press in 2016 and Beyond Citizenship: American Identity After Globalization, published by Oxford University Press in 2008. He holds the Charles Weiner Chair in International Law and, before joining Temple’s faculty in 2006, was the Rusk Professor of Law at the University of Georgia Law School. A former law clerk to Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court, Spiro specializes in international, immigration, and constitutional law.

Spiro’s lecture was preceded by brief remarks from Temple University Provost JoAnne Epps in memory of Judge Adams, who passed away earlier in 2016. Epps described Judge Adams as, “not just any judge—the most cherished judge of the Third Circuit . . . a good man, and a just and kind jurist.” Judge Adams served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 1969 to 1987.
Mayor appoints four from Temple Law to serve on LGBT commission

FEBRUARY 14, 2017 Four members of Philadelphia’s newly created Commission on LGBT Affairs are graduates of Temple Law School—and two are currently members of the faculty. Professor LEONORE CARPENTER ’00, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor R. BARRETT MARSHALL ’11, AMANDA DOUGHERTY ’11, and KAE GREENBERG ’11 have all been appointed to the 23-member commission.

Temple Law Professor Carpenter was formerly legal director at Equality Advocates Pennsylvania. Barrett Marshall, who is a clinical instructor at Temple Law, was previously the supervising attorney at Mazzoni Center Legal Services. Greenberg is an assistant public defender in Philadelphia, and Dougherty, a bisexual advocate, is a personal injury attorney at Reiff & Bily.

“Philadelphia’s LGBTQ communities are diverse, vibrant, and engaged. But many among us still face significant challenges,” says Carpenter, explaining why she is eager to work with the commission.

“For example, homelessness among LGBTQ-identified youth is astronomically high. Many within our communities do not enjoy relationships of trust with local law enforcement. Discrimination against LGBTQ people continues to contribute to instability in housing and employment. Many within LGBTQ communities are parents, and are directly impacted by the dramatic underfunding of public schools. Low-income LGBTQ people present unique and sometimes complex legal issues, but there is insufficient access to low-or-no-cost legal services.”

For all the reasons Carpenter lists, Marshall stresses the need for the commission to adopt an intersectional approach. “We must develop a functional approach to LGBTQ identities that is inclusive of the experiences of people of color, low income people, people with disabilities, and other people with identities that make them more vulnerable to oppression.”

Marina Angel receives RBG Lifetime Achievement Award

JANUARY 5, 2017 The Women in Legal Education section of the Association of American Law Schools presented Professor Marina Angel with the 2016 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors “an individual who has had a distinguished career of teaching, service, and scholarship for at least 20 years. . . . someone who has impacted women, the legal community, the academy, and the issues that affect women through mentoring, writing, speaking, activism, and by providing opportunities to others.”

In presenting the award, Wendy Greene, a professor at Samford Law School, lauded Angel for her “pioneering work . . . done on behalf of so many.” Angel retired in June 2017 after 46 years of teaching. Her feminist teaching and scholarship focused on a range of issues, including women in legal education and the profession, violence against women, school shootings, and abused women who kill their abusers.

Former dean, Temple University Provost JoAnne A. Epps added her congratulations: “I am delighted that the AALS has chosen to honor Professor Angel for her work to advance equal rights for women, both in our profession and in the broader society. Professor Angel's passion for equality and justice is exemplary of an advocate's spirit, and her many contributions reflect a lifetime of service worthy of great honor and respect.”

Angel first began teaching law at Hofstra in 1970 and joined the Temple Law faculty in 1979. While at Temple, she has taught a wide range of courses including employment law, labor law, criminal law, violence against women, juvenile law, legal decision making, and corrections. This is Angel's fifth major award for her work on behalf of women and minorities. She is also the recipient of the 1996 Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Award of the Philadelphia Bar Association; the 1998 Anne X. Alpern Award of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; and the 2004 Margaret Brent Woman Lawyer of Achievement Award of the American Bar Association. Most recently, Angel received the Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo Award from the Women's Law Caucus at Penn State Dickinson Law.

Angel noted the outpouring of support and congratulations she has received since announcement of the award, remarking, “I'm very pleased and excited to have received this award. But I'm especially moved by the many private letters and emails from those whose lives I touched in a positive way.” Of all her honors, Angel considers this most recent award the most gratifying. “This award is especially appropriate since Justice Ginsburg and I have known each other for over forty years,” says Angel, “In fact, I convinced Justice Ginsburg to lend her name to this Lifetime Achievement Award.”
Advocacy program hosts oral argument competition

APRIL 28, 2017  The second annual Temple Law Oral Argument Competition brought together advocates from several area law schools for a day of training, engagement with appellate specialists, and an opportunity to test their appellate advocacy skills. Temple Law students STEVEN JOHNSTON ’18 and EILEEN BRADLEY ’18 (seated in photo) represented the appellee in the final round of the competition.

The competition required student advocates to argue the case of Commonwealth v. Brown, currently pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Participants will have the opportunity to attend the actual argument when it takes place and compare their appellate strategies to those made before the Court. Professors Mary Levy, Bonny Tavares and Director of Advocacy Programs Jules Epstein organized the event.

Temple team advances to semi-finals at ICC Moot Court Competition, collects individual honors

MARCH 24, 2017  Temple Law students JUSTIN CAPEK ’17, LILAH THOMPSON ’17, and ANU THOMAS ’17 turned in a strong performance at the North American Regional round of the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition. Temple’s team bested squads from schools including American University and John’s Hopkins School of International Studies on their way to the semi-final round. Capek and Thompson also earned individual honors for Best Defense Oralist of the Day and Best Victim’s Advocate Brief, respectively. This is the second consecutive Temple team to advance this far in the competition, which convenes law students from around the world for a simulation of the proceedings of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Professors Meg deGuzman and Rick Greenstein served as co-coaches for the team.

Independence Fellow to work at Education Law Center

PAIGE JOKI ’17 is the most recent in a long list of Temple Law grads who have started their public interest careers as Independence Fellows. Joki was awarded a highly-competitive Independence Fellowship to work at the Education Law Center, where she will focus on eliminating barriers to a quality education for homeless youth, at both an individual and systemic level, to create lasting change and elevate youth voices.

Fulbright Scholar to focus on environmental law in UK

ANDREW STOQUERT ’18 was recently awarded a “Taught Masters” Fulbright Award, which he will use to complete his third year of law school focusing on environmental law at the University of Kent in the United Kingdom.

“The UK is typically one of the most competitive Fulbright countries, with over 1000 applications for 32 awards, so this is quite an honor,” says Barbara C. Gorka, Director of Fellowships Advising for Temple University, who worked with Stoquert on his Fulbright application.

“I chose to pursue a Fulbright for my third year at Temple Law to internationalize my legal education and to challenge myself personally and academically,” Stoquert says. “The Fulbright program provided such a challenge, while also allowing me to study law within the context of sea-level rise and climate change—a topic of global importance.”

As an undergraduate, Stoquert double-majored in political science and ecosystem science and policy at the University of Miami. For his Fulbright, he proposed a course of study in which he will examine the legal implications of the UK’s sea level rise adaptation plan.
Redefining Liberty: The Pendulum Swings Again

Alphonso B. David ’00, counsel to the governor of New York

APRIL 5, 2017  Alphonso B. David ’00 titled his lecture to the law school community “Redefining Liberty: The Pendulum Swings Again,” a topic he selected in the months following the fall presidential election. Delivering the Hon. Clifford Scott Green Lecture was particularly poignant for David, counsel to New York State Governor Cuomo. David began his legal career as Judge Green’s clerk in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Today, the Liberian-born attorney, who was ten when his family fled Monrovia during a violent military coup, has risen to the rank of counsel to the governor of New York — essentially the third-most-powerful person in the administration. David was promoted to the position in 2015 from deputy secretary for civil rights, after having led the successful campaign to legalize same-sex marriage in New York. David, who is openly gay, called that fight “transformative.”

David previously worked for four years in the Governor’s cabinet as the Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights, the first position of its kind in New York State. Prior to that, he was Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights for the Office of the New York State Attorney General, where he managed attorneys on a variety of investigations and affirmative litigation, including employment and housing discrimination, fair lending, reproductive rights, and antibias claims. Further, he previously served as Deputy Commissioner and Special Counselor at the New York State Division of Human Rights.

Before entering public service, David was a staff attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, where he litigated precedent-setting civil rights cases across the nation affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals as well as those living with HIV. He handled both affirmative and defensive matters relating to marriage, parenting rights, discrimination in schools, and access to health care. In addition, he was a litigation associate at the law firm of Blank Rome.

The Hon. Clifford Scott Green Lecture was established in 2003 at Temple University Beasley School of Law to recognize the distinguished Judge Green ’51 and acknowledge the influence he had on the legal community.

‘Representing the Powerless’

Public defender Stuart Lev presents Ross Lecture

MARCH 30, 2017  Stuart Lev discussed his career as a public defender in this year’s Edward J. Ross Memorial Lecture in Litigation. Lev, who became an appellate defender in Michigan immediately upon earning his law degree from University of Michigan, has been an assistant federal defender in the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since 1996.

As a federal defender, Lev has helped win new trials and/or resentencings for dozens of death sentenced prisoners. He has argued numerous cases in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as in the Pennsylvania and Michigan state courts. In February 2016, he argued Williams v. Pennsylvania in the U.S. Supreme Court, which ultimately ruled in his favor. That same year, he won national recognition as the Outstanding Assistant Federal Defender in a Capital Habeas Unit. Lev was an adjunct professor at Villanova Law School, where he co-taught a course in death penalty litigation from 2004 to 2014. He also taught legal writing and appellate advocacy at Temple Law from 1990 to 1996.

The Edward J. Ross Memorial Lecture in Litigation was established in honor of the “tireless voice for justice,” Edward J. Ross, a partner at Ross and Rubino, who died in 2008.
Following the November election of President Donald Trump, and in anticipation of a radically shifting political landscape, Professor Laura Little invited three thought leaders to share their perspectives on what was—to many—a surprising political upset with unforeseen consequences.

Professor Little organized the Presidential Transition Lecture Series, funded by the Myers Lecture Fund, to bring together law students, faculty and staff to gather perspectives on the assumption of power by a businessman and reality television personality with no political history. Little, who is the Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government and a senior advisor to the dean, specializes in federal courts, conflict of laws, and constitutional law.

**Government-media relations in the era of ‘fake news’**

JANUARY 17, 2017 In the first of the three-part series, just days before President Trump’s inauguration, Professor Little interviewed Philadelphia Inquirer editor and executive vice president William Marimow. Marimow discussed the phenomenon of “fake news,” anticipated ways in which the President-elect might change the “rules of engagement” between the President and the media, and discussed ways in which the relationship between the press and the President evolved under prior administrations.

**Answering the call for political renewal**

JANUARY 23, 2017 Three days after the inauguration and two days after what was, by most accounts, the largest protest march in U.S. history, David Thornburgh, President and CEO of the Committee of Seventy, shared some strategies for long-term civic engagement. Thornburgh detailed best practices for a newly-invigorated populace to communicate with and influence elected officials.

Thornburgh also described the Fair Districts PA initiative to engage the public in redistricting to undo past political gerrymandering, a project endorsed by the Committee of Seventy. Thornburgh noted that in Pennsylvania, one of the most gerrymandered states in the country, many candidates run unopposed and citizens have lost confidence that their votes matter. The Committee of Seventy has developed an educational outreach program to address the issue, and is pressing for an independent citizens’ commission to make the redistricting process transparent.

**Government policy in a time of transition**

FEBRUARY 13, 2017 The third lecturer in the Presidential Transition Lecture Series, Chai Feldblum, currently serves as commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Originally appointed by President Obama, Feldblum spoke to the Temple Law community less than a month into the new administration.

In an interview with Little, she said that changes were already being felt in government agencies “inside the Beltway.” Feldblum has spearheaded significant changes in the interpretation of federal laws regarding discrimination, particularly on issues relating to disability, gender identity, and sexual orientation. In this presentation, she spoke about possible changes in EEOC policy under President Trump. There are five seats on the commission. Feldblum, a Democrat nominated to a five-year term ending in 2018, says that the commissioners will become majority Republican by July 2017, as vacated seats are filled by the current administration.
Temple Law ranked among best schools for practical training

National Jurist Magazine named Temple Law School a “Best School for Practical Training,” assigning the school a grade of A-. Only one other regional school was included in the report. Temple Law received additional national recognition when National Jurist Magazine hailed the first-year core requirement, Introduction to Transactional Skills and Litigation Basics, as among the 15 most innovative ideas in experiential legal education.

The rankings are based on the number and type of experiential learning opportunities offered by each school, with clinical courses given the most weight. Also included were externships, simulation courses, interschool competitions, and experiential innovations unique to individual schools.

The accolade comes in the wake of continued high marks from US News and World Report, which this year ranked Temple 53rd overall, and the National Law Journal, which ranked Temple 35th among “Go-To Law Schools.”

Temple has been widely recognized as a leader in experiential legal education for more than a half century. The school’s clinical program was established with the opening of the Temple Legal Aid Clinic in 1953. Today, in addition to the three in-house clinics offered through the Temple Legal Aid Office, Temple offers two clinics in social justice lawyering at the Sheller Center for Social Justice, and more than two dozen external clinics in a wide variety of settings. Many students also take advantage of Temple’s other elective experiential offerings, which include integrated programs in trial advocacy and transactional law and immersive summer experiences in D.C. and Philadelphia.

BLSA Scholarship Award and Brunch

NOVEMBER 20, 2016 Members of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) attended the annual reception held at the home of Joe Tucker Jr. ’89 and Alycia Horn ’89.

From left: Alycia Horn ’89, Marcel Pratt ’09, scholarship recipient Kristen James ’18, scholarship recipient Felix Nnumolu ’18, Joe Tucker ’89, University Provost JoAnne Epps, Dean Gregory Mandel

From left: Unknown, Carlos Tirado ’18, Shabrei Parker, LLM in Trial Advocacy ’13

Professor Don Harris and Jasmine Williams ’17
TRIAL TEAM

Trial team excels in Capitol City Challenge

APRIL 12, 2017 National trial team members JORGE GARCIA ’17, JASMINE PEELE ’17, EMILY DIAZ ’18, and DARYLL HAWTHORNE-SEARIGHT ’17 represented Temple Law in Washington, D.C., as the team fought their way to the final four and came away with semi-final honors.

Team member Garcia says he has found confidence through competing on a team. “At the Capitol City Challenge, I had the opportunity to learn and compete against some of the best advocates in the country. I felt confident in my ability to perform well at the tournament because my coaches and teammates pushed me to be my best.”

Hawthorne-Searight, who begins her career as a patent litigator in September, adds, “Trial team has been my most influential experience in law school. I’ve been on the team for two years and each year was a learning experience.

“Cap City was an amazing experience and I couldn’t have picked better teammates. Every single one of us gave it our all. I got to watch all of us grow and improve over the semester, and we went to D.C. and showed them what we were made of: Temple Pride.”

Temple trial team wins quarter-final honors in Chicago

APRIL 10, 2017 At the National Criminal Justice Trial Competition, Temple's trial team brought home quarter-final honors and finished in the top eight among the twenty schools that participated in the national competition. Competitors AMANDA CAPALDI ’17, GABRIELLE GREEN ’18, ALISON NEVEIL ’17, and JAMES MATHEW ’17 were coached by Professor Jennifer Bretschneider and Assistant U.S. Attorney Maureen McCartney, with special assistance from the director of Temple's LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Program, Barbara Ashcroft. The competition is hosted annually in Chicago and is co-sponsored by the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association and The John Marshall Law School.

“Having the opportunity to work with different coaches and teammates for each competition has taught me the importance of collaboration and preparation,” says Neveil, who joins the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office in the fall. “Being sure of myself, while adapting in the moment, is just one of the many skills I am proud to take with me into the ‘real world’ upon graduation.”

Temple continues to dominate Region III

FEBRUARY 14, 2017 The national trial team continued their dominance of Region III, the region in which law schools from Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey compete for spots at the National Trial Competition. This year, both of Temple Law’s teams competed in the final round of the regional competition. The team of COURTNEY CHLEBINA ’17 and CORBIN GARDNER ’17 emerged victorious. Gardner also received the Ohlbaum Best Advocate Award for his final trial. Temple has taken top honors in the regional competition for 29 of the past 31 years.

Temple Law School hosted the 2017 competition, which included a program in which student advocates from several schools met with and heard from a lawyer, juror and exoneree in a recent high-profile Philadelphia trial.
University trustee
Drew Katz speaks at
dean’s forum


Katz is CEO of Interstate Outdoor Advertising and a principal of Foster Interstate Media, which specializes in digital signage and other advertising displays. As a committed philanthropist, Katz founded the Drew Katz Foundation in 2003 to support “organizations addressing medical, educational, social, emotional, and cultural needs of those less fortunate.” Katz says that the foundation has a focus on the needs of children. When Katz married in 2015, he renamed the foundation The Rachel and Drew Katz Foundation, and the foundation has expanded to include issues of particular interest to Rachel.

Katz joined Temple University’s board of trustees in 2014, when he was elected to fill the seat left vacant by the untimely death of his father, longtime trustee and Temple benefactor Lewis Katz, who died in a plane crash. Katz, who is serving a four-year term on Temple’s board, is also a board member of the Covenant House, the Outdoor Advertising Association of America and Wilson Disease Association International. He is a member of the dean’s advisory council at Stanford Law School.

TEMPEL RETAINS DEAN’S CUP
SPIN activities raise more than $20,000

APRIL 6, 2017  Temple Law’s basketball team, comprised of students, faculty and staff, prevailed in the Deans’ Cup for the second year in a row. This year, Temple won the first round game against Villanova 49-30, and went on to beat Penn 40-25 in the finals.

The Deans’ Cup, an annual tournament between the Philadelphia-area law schools, Temple, Penn, Drexel and Villanova, is a fundraising activity for the Student Public Interest Network (SPIN). SPIN is a student-run organization that supports public interest lawyering by planning events and by directly funding students doing public interest work over the summer. SPIN provides SPIN Honors Grants and matches federal summer work-study funds.

In addition to sponsoring the Deans’ Cup, SPIN hosts an annual auction in which members of the law school community bid on items ranging from restaurant gift certificates, to vacation homes, to social events with faculty. This year, SPIN raised more than $20,000 and was able to give 33 Honors Grants.

Dean Mandel (left), Professor and coach Don Harris (center bottom), and Acting Dean for Students Eleanor Myers (right) cheer for the victorious Temple Law basketball team.
1960s

JOSEPH E. LUNDY ’68 has been named co-chair of Schnader’s nonprofit organizations practice group. Lundy is a former chair of the ABA tax section’s exempt organizations committee, and has taught as an adjunct professor at Temple Law for over 35 years.

1970s

HON. BARBARA S. JONES ’73 has been elected to serve on the board of the International Association of Independent Corporate Monitors. She also recently joined the board of directors of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research. Jones, who is a partner in the Texas-based law firm Bracewell, served on the bench at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. She was chief assistant to Robert M. Morgenthau, then-District Attorney of New York County, when she was nominated to the federal bench by Bill Clinton in 1995. At Bracewell, Jones specializes in white-collar defense, corporate compliance and internal investigations.

PRINCE ALTEE THOMAS ’76 was awarded the Albert S. Dandridge III Diversity Award by the business law section of the Philadelphia Bar Association at their annual reception in January 2017. Thomas is a bankruptcy attorney, practicing at Fox Rothschild in Philadelphia.

In December 2016, HON. WILLIAM F. WARD ’77, a former judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, PA, was appointed to serve on Allegheny County’s accountability conduct and ethics commission. Ward is an attorney with the Pittsburgh firm Rothman Gordon, where his practice areas include mediation, white collar criminal defense, and business and commercial litigation. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

WOMEN’S RIGHTS CHAMPION
KATHRYN KOLBERT ’77
HONORED BY WOMEN’S LAW CAUCUS

APRIL 3, 2017

The Women’s Law Caucus honored Kathryn Kolbert ’77, described by The National Law Journal as one of the “100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.” In 1992, Kolbert earned a permanent place in women’s history when she argued the landmark case of Planned Parenthood v. Casey before the U.S. Supreme Court. She was credited with saving Roe v. Wade with what Jeffrey Toobin called “one of the most audacious litigation strategies in Supreme Court history.”

Kolbert’s career as a public interest attorney specializing in women’s rights includes co-founding the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, and directing the center’s domestic litigation and public policy programs from 1992 to 1997. Prior to that, she worked at the ACLU’s Reproductive Freedom Project in New York, Women’s Law Project, and Philadelphia Community Legal Services.

Today, Kolbert is the Constance Hess Williams Director of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at Barnard College, where she also teaches in the political science department. Kolbert founded the Athena Center to provide a wide range of interdisciplinary education, research, and professional development programs for Barnard students and adult women. The center also hosts the annual Athena Film Festival, highlighting stories of female leadership.

Prior to coming to Barnard, Kolbert spent a year in Washington, DC as the president and CEO of People for the American Way and People for the American Way Foundation. From 1998 to 2008, she oversaw a program on law and American life at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy Center and was the executive producer of Justice Talking, a radio program distributed by NPR. Kolbert is married to JOANN M. HYLE ’87, a partner at Pepper Hamilton.

Kathryn Kolbert ’87, Constance Hess Williams Director of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at Barnard College
HON. ARTHUR NAKAZATO ’78 was honored by the Orange County, CA Bar Association in May 2016, following his retirement from his position as a U.S. Magistrate Judge. When Nakazato rose to the bench in 1996, he was the first Japanese-American in the continental U.S. to become a federal magistrate judge. He was the founding president of OCAABA, as well as president and a founding director of the Orange County Japanese American Lawyers Association.


JOSEPH RIDGWAY, LL.M IN TAXATION ’78, is an adjunct professor in business studies at Rowan College in New Jersey. His poem, “Love’s Sequence,” was recently awarded second place in the 2016 International Literary Awards, presented by the Arizona Authors’ Association.

ARTHUR A. COREN ’79 was one of eight attorneys from Horgan Rosen Beckham & Coren to join Duane Morris’ Los Angeles office. Coren is a partner in Duane Morris’ global banking industry group.

LOUIS C. LONG ’80 is serving as president of the Pennsylvania Defense Institute. He is a partner in the Pittsburgh office of Thomas, Thomas & Hafer.

RICHARD L. TANEY ’80 has joined the advisory board of Viridian Capital Advisors, a New York-based financial and strategic advisory firm dedicated to the cannabis market. He was previously the president and chief executive officer of PalliaTech, a New York-based palliative care company founded with the mission of “unlocking the therapeutic potential of the cannabis plant.” Prior to joining PalliaTech, Taney was president and CEO of Delcath Systems, a medical technology company. He is also the founding member of T2 Capital Management, and a founding partner of Sandpiper Capital Partners.

KEVIN M. O’MALLEY ’82 has been named of counsel at Blank Rome, where he practices in the areas of financial services and commercial lending. O’Malley is a former advisory board member of Back on My Feet’s Los Angeles chapter and a former board member of MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity). O’Malley also co-founded a start-up craft brewery in Los Angeles.

LEONARD A. BERNSTEIN ’83 was the recipient of the Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award. Bernstein is the managing partner of Reed Smith’s Philadelphia office, a member of the financial industry group, and founder and chair of the firm’s financial services regulatory group.

MAUREEN ROWAN ’83 has joined Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis as a litigation partner in the firm’s Philadelphia office. Rowan was previously at Dinsmore & Shohl.

DANIEL J. SIEGEL ’84 has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Siegel, who practices in Havertown, PA, has authored two books and contributed numerous articles for PBI.

The Transportation Lawyers Association recently elected FRANK C. BOTTA ’85 president at its annual meeting in Santa Fe, NM. Botta is vice president and general counsel with Samuels and Son Seafood Co., and of-counsel to Cipriani & Werner in Pittsburgh, PA.

LAURIE B. KAZENOFF ’85 has joined Moritt Hock & Hamroff as a partner in the tax practice group of the firm’s Garden City, NY office. Kazenoff has served as a senior attorney with the IRS and in the U.S. Tax Court.

JAMES J. KOZUCH ’85 of Caesar Rivise, presented “An Introduction to Intellectual Property for Artists and Art Organizations” at the Tamaqua, PA Community Art Center.
ARTHUR J. KYRIAZIS ’85 has been named to the editorial board of Biotechnology Law Reports, a peer-reviewed publication, and has recently published a series of noteworthy article-length book reviews, including one on thirty years of biotechnology since the Chakrabarty decision. In addition to being a patent attorney, Kyriazis is a molecular biologist. He is principal and chief operating officer of Philadelphia Pharma & Biotech.

KATHLEEN FUREY MCDONOUGH ’85 has been named partner at Potter Anderson Corroon in Wilmington, DE, where she is the chair-elect of the firm’s executive committee and head of the labor and employment practice. McDonough is the first female partner at Potter Anderson Corroon, Delaware’s oldest law firm.

In November 2016, HON. CHERÉÉ BUGGS ’86 was elected Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County. Three Temple Law alumnae surprised Buggs by traveling to attend the December induction ceremony: THEODORA BROWN ’84, DOREENA CRAIG SLOAN ’85, and SYLVIA QUINTON ’86.

MARY DAVIS ’86 announces that her eleventh theater production, Pressing Matters, played at Theatre Row in April 2017, and she will produce Doubt in London in September. In addition, Davis is an investor in Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812, starring Josh Groban. Davis practices law pro bono for the ACLU.

The Delaware Valley Healthcare Council of the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania named CONGRESSMAN PATRICK L. MEEHAN ’86 the recipient of its 2016 Distinguished Leadership Award, in honor of his leadership in Washington, DC to support and improve health care in Pennsylvania. Meehan, a third-term Republican representing the seventh congressional district, is on the House Ways and Means Committee.

CAROL TRACY ’83 HAS LED WOMEN’S LAW PROJECT FOR 27 YEARS

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award recognizes Tracy’s pioneering work on behalf of women and girls.

JUNE 2, 2017 Since 1990, Carol E. Tracy has served as executive director of the Women’s Law Project. Based in Philadelphia, the Women’s Law Project is a state-wide organization that has had a significant impact on a national level concerning issues affecting women and girls. This year, in recognition of that groundbreaking work, the Philadelphia Bar Association named Carol E. Tracy ’83 the recipient of the Sandra Day O’Connor Award.

The award is annually presented to a female attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments, and has furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community.

“For the past 30 years, Carol has been a champion for equality as it relates to advancing the rights of women and girls,” says Philadelphia Bar Association Chancellor Deborah R. Gross. “Her advocacy in support of, and longtime commitment to, civil rights and to legal aid have benefited our legal community and improved the lives of countless women and their families across the country. She has mentored many women lawyers and served as a role model for women lawyers seeking to promote equality and improve our system of justice.”

The Women’s Law Project (WLP), founded in 1974, advocates for women’s health, sex and gender equity, workplace equality, and protection from domestic violence and sexual assault. Since its founding, WLP has represented abortion providers in Pennsylvania, and in 1992 served as co-counsel in the landmark Supreme Court reproductive rights case Planned Parenthood v. Casey.

WLP led the effort to reform the Philadelphia Police Department’s response to sexual assault in the wake of a Philadelphia Inquirer investigative report that revealed systemic mishandling of rape cases. Working with the Philadelphia police, WLP attorneys recognized that the FBI’s outdated definition of rape resulted in a serious undercounting of the crime of sexual assault in the U.S. Tracy subsequently testified before Congress, urging the FBI to update its decades-old definition of rape. This successful effort led to more accurate nationwide data on sexual violence. In 2003, Tracy was appointed as co-chair of the newly created domestic violence task force.

Before joining the WLP, Tracy was director of the Mayor’s Commission for Women. A founding member of Women Against Abuse, Tracy also helped open the first domestic violence shelter in Pennsylvania.
Einstein lobby dedicated to parents of Marina Kats ’88

JANUARY 12, 2017 Philadelphia-area attorney MARINA KATS ’88 dedicated the lobby of Philadelphia’s Einstein Healthcare Network’s Center One in honor of her parents, Roman and Nelya Kats. Kats, who is president of the law firm of Kats, Jamison and Associates, has been a member of the Einstein Health System Board of Trustees for 12 years. Kats is also president of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a member of the law school’s board of visitors.

MARION MUNLEY ’86, who practices personal injury law in Scranton, PA, spoke at the American Association for Justice (AAJ) winter convention. She presented “Collision Investigation and Reconstruction in Motor Vehicle Cases.” Munley currently serves as vice chair of the AAJ trucking litigation group. Munley was the recipient of the PBA’s 2016 Lynette Norton Award, which recognizes a female lawyer who excels in litigation and demonstrates a commitment to mentoring other women lawyers.

NELSON LEVIN ’87 has joined The Law Offices of Michael T. van der Veen, a personal injury and criminal defense law firm in Philadelphia, as an associate.

ROBIN D. ZAREMSKI ’87 was recently named the interim director of visual and performing arts at Millersville University. Zaremski has been in the music business since the early 1990s.

BARBARA BERRESKI ’90 earned a master’s degree in nonprofit leadership from the University of Pennsylvania in August 2016. Berreski was deputy attorney general for New Jersey from 1991 to 2012 and is currently director of government and legal affairs for the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities.

In March 2017, New York-based Tyme Technologies named JAMES BIEHL ’89 to its board of directors. Tyme Technologies is a biotechnology company developing cancer therapeutics. Biehl has been a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath in Princeton, NJ since 1989 in the corporate and securities group.

AMY R. STERN ’89, a partner at the Lansdale, PA firm of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, was a moderator at the Toby L. Dickman Seminar: Evidence for Family Lawyers. Stern’s practice is dedicated to family law, mediation and estate planning and administration. She also serves as co-president of the Women’s Center of Montgomery County.

In January 2017, True Health Diagnostics named ROBERT J. ROSSI ’91 as senior vice president and chief compliance officer. Rossi is a former chief deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania, overseeing the state’s Medicaid fraud unit. He started his legal career as a local prosecutor for the district attorney’s office in Delaware County, PA.

CYNTHIA WHITE ’91 has been selected to join the industry board at the American Health Council. White is assistant general counsel at GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has named G. JEFFREY BOUJOUKOS ’92 director of its Philadelphia regional office. Boujoukos joined the SEC’s enforcement division in 2009 as regional trial counsel in Philadelphia, and has been associate regional director for enforcement since 2014.

DONEENE K. DAMON ’92, an executive vice president of the Wilmington law firm Richards Layton & Finger, won the Delaware Barrister Association’s 2016 Thurgood Marshall Award. Damon serves on the board of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and is board chair of the Christiana Care Health System.

Randy Maniloff ’91 has interviewed Marcia Clark, Gloria Allred, Professor Arthur Miller, Brendan Sullivan and “Tiger Mom” Amy Chua for his Coverage Opinions website and newsletter. Maniloff’s interviews with attorneys were the subject of a feature in The Philadelphia Lawyer.
MICHELLE KICHLINE ’92 has been elected chairwoman of the Chester County, PA board of commissioners. Kichline, a Republican, was appointed commissioner in 2014 to replace then-outgoing commissioner Ryan Costello after his election to Congress, and won her first full term in 2015. She had previously served as a member and eventually chairwoman of the Tredyffrin zoning hearing board, and she was elected as township supervisor in 2009. In her legal career at Wisler Pearlstine, Kichline specialized in education, municipal affairs and land use.

HON. THOMAS P. ROGERS ’92 was appointed administrative judge of the Montgomery County, PA Court of Common Pleas, where he will supervise the civil division. He is currently in his 14th year as a Common Pleas Court judge.

ROBERT SUAREZ ’92 has been elevated to partner at Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley in the firm’s New York office. Suarez is a member of the firm’s maritime and multimodal transportation, business and commercial litigation and insurance services practice areas.

JONATHAN S. CAPLAN ’93 was recently named co-chair of Kramer Levin’s intellectual property practice. Kramer practices in the firm’s New York office.

Willig, Williams & Davidson partner MICHAEL G. DRYDEN ’93 presented as part of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s CLE program, “Tough Problems in Workers’ Compensation 2017.” Dryden, who is chair of Willig’s workers’ compensation department, provided updates in case law regarding firefighter cancer claims.

KOJI FUKUMURA ’93 is the chair elect for the American Bar Association’s section of litigation. Fukumura is a partner at Cooley in San Diego, CA, where he is a member of the securities litigation practice and serves on the firm’s management committee.

BRYAN R. LENTZ ’93 was sworn in as Pennsylvania’s newest state civil service commissioner and was designated chairman by Gov. Tom Wolf in December 2016. He also will serve as the commission’s required veterans’ representative and advocate. Lentz is a member of the Philadelphia firm of Bochetto & Lentz.

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PROFILE: HAYES HUNT ’97

Trial and commercial litigation attorney at Cozen O’Connor is committed to pro bono work

Hayes Hunt ’97 is an acclaimed trial and litigation attorney. He is also a committed Temple Law alum: He is currently a member of the Temple Law Board of Visitors, an advisor to the Dean of the Law School, and for the past decade, he has taught Integrated Trial Advocacy as an adjunct professor. In 2014, following the untimely death of Professor Edward Ohlbaum, Hunt facilitated a $100,000 contribution from Cozen O’Connor in support of a scholarship honoring Ohlbaum.

At Cozen O’Connor, Hunt represents corporations and individuals in a wide variety of crisis management, civil litigation and business matters in both state and federal courts throughout the country. As a member of the firm’s commercial litigation department and criminal defense and internal investigations practice group, he has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict. Hunt also writes and contributes to The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Forbes, National Public Radio, Time and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Pro bono work: ‘Being part of the community’

Hunt is a tireless advocate and supports pro bono work. He is a former chair and continues to serve on Cozen O’Connor’s pro bono committee.

For many years, Hunt has dedicated his pro bono time to the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. In 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that its decision in Miller v. Alabama—states could not sentence juvenile defendants to life in prison without parole (JLWOP)—applied retroactively in Montgomery v. Louisiana, giving more than 2,000 inmates nationwide eligibility for resentencing and possibly parole. One of these inmates was Tyrone Jones. In 2011, Jones, through the PA Innocence Project, became Hayes Hunt’s client.

When Miller v. Alabama was decided, Hunt had been working on an appeal under the Post Conviction Relief Act to exonerate Jones and arguing for an evidentiary hearing relating to Jones’ innocence. Once Miller and Montgomery were decided, emergency petitions to vacate his sentence were filed. This was one of the first cases to be filed in Pennsylvania under the new rulings. Despite a lot of legal uncertainty, Jones maintained his innocence throughout and moved forward.

At a June 2016 hearing, a judge resented Jones, 59 at the time, to 35 years to life with the possibility of parole. Jones was one of the first JLWOP to be resented in the U.S. He had already served 43 years, having been in prison since he was 16.

In September 2016, when Jones was released, he was one of the first “juvenile lifers” paroled in Pennsylvania and the country. A few weeks later, Hunt, Jones, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and Juvenile Law Center presented a CLE to the entire legal community on how to handle JLWOP matters. Since that time, Jones’ resentencing brief, reentry plan, parole petition and other pleadings have been used as a template and shared throughout Pennsylvania and the country for JLWOP matters.

Hunt is a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society whose membership is limited to less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers, and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has been named as one of the “10 Best” attorneys in Pennsylvania by the American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys, recognized as one of Pennsylvania’s “Super Lawyers,” selected as one of Pennsylvania’s 35 “Lawyers on the Fast Track” by The Legal Intelligencer and Pennsylvania Law Weekly and named a Pennsylvania “Rising Star” by Law & Politics.

“To be a great lawyer, you need to engage with the community you practice in,” says Hunt. “The community you represent businesses in. The community that is working together, and that includes pro bono work. And frankly, every corporation I’ve ever represented cares about contributing back to the community. The business of law includes being a part of the community.”
In April 2017, JEFFERY LIPPERT ‘93 was sworn in as Thurston County, WA’s new chief criminal deputy prosecutor. Lippert recently retired as a colonel from the Army Judge Advocate General's Corp, where he served for 25 years.

In December 2016, VIJAY BONDADA ‘94 joined Duke Energy in Charlotte, NC as vice president of litigation. He was previously vice president and assistant general counsel at Pfizer in New York City.

In December 2016, STEPHANIE AVAKIAN ‘95 was named acting director of the enforcement division of the SEC, after serving as deputy director of the division. She joined the SEC in 2014 from Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, where she was a partner in the firm’s New York office and a vice chair of the firm’s securities practice. She previously worked in the SEC enforcement division as a branch chief in the New York regional office, and later served as a counsel to SEC Commissioner Paul Carey.

In 2016, MICHAEL T. VAN DER VEEN, LLM IN TRIAL ADVOCACY ‘95, was named one of the top ten criminal defense lawyers in Pennsylvania by the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Van der Veen, founder of the Philadelphia personal injury firm of Law Offices of Michael T. van der Veen, has also served as the chairman of the board of directors of the Philadelphia chapter of the American Diabetes Association and is a member of the board of the Washington Square West Civic Association.

COLLEEN BANNON ‘96, a shareholder and director of legal information resources at Marshall Dennehey in Philadelphia, was recently appointed a co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s federal courts committee. At Marshall Dennehey, Bannon practices in the areas of privacy and data security matters, and leads the firm’s e-discovery program.

EILEEN QUIGLEY ‘96 has been elected chair of the real property section of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Quigley is a real estate attorney at Ballard Spahr. Before joining Ballard Spahr, she worked in the City of Philadelphia Law Department for seven years.

Stradley Ronon announced that patent attorney PAUL K. LEGAARD ‘97 has joined the firm as a partner in its Malvern, PA office. He was most recently a partner at Pepper Hamilton.

GEORGE VOEGELE ‘97, a member of Cozen O’Connor’s labor and employment department, was recently named to the board of directors of the Homeless Advocacy Project in Philadelphia.

AYODELE GANSALLO, INTERNATIONAL LLM ’98 was recently featured in a Philadelphia Inquirer article by Helen Uribiñas, “Trump’s travel ban has local immigration lawyers on high alert.” Gansallo was among the legal professionals who rushed to the Philadelphia airport immediately following President Trump’s first travel ban on January 27. Gansallo has worked on immigration and nationality issues with nonprofit organizations both here and in the U.K. for nearly 20 years. She joined HIAS in Philadelphia, where she is a senior staff attorney, in 1998.

SOBHAN BYRNES ‘98 recently presented a lecture, “A Living Document: The First Amendment, Past, Present and Future,” at the Sullivan Museum and History Center in Northfield, VT. Gray, who practices law at the Barre, VT firm of Gray Law, is one of the founding faculty of the Master of Law program at Champlain College. He also teaches civil liberties and constitutional law at Norwich University.

LINDA MATHIAS HEE ’99 has become a shareholder of Schubert, Gallagher, Tyler & Mulcahey, and is the lead attorney of the firm’s Norristown, PA office. Hee concentrates her practice in the area of guardianship for incapacitated adults, estate planning and administration. She currently is counsel for Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services and has served as assistant counsel to the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging. Hee has been a member of the Montgomery County Commission on Women and Families since 2012.

Pennsylvania Innocence Project leaders recognized

JAN. 14, 2017 The pioneering work of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, housed at Temple Law, was highlighted at this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Salute to Greatness Awards Gala. RICHARD C. GLAZER ’69, attorney and executive director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, received the Advocate for Freedom Award. MARISSA BOYERS BLUESTINE ’95, legal director, and Nilam Sanghvi, senior staff attorney for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, were honored with the Legislative Reform and Advocate for Justice awards, respectively.
Brandywine Realty Trust has promoted JENNIFER MATTHEWS RICE '99 to senior vice president and general counsel. Rice joined the company in 2012 and, prior to becoming interim general counsel, was associate general counsel for the company.

MACKENZIE W. SMITH '99 has joined the Jacobs Law Group in the Malvern, PA office. Smith previously was a member of the litigation department of the Philadelphia office of Blank Rome. She also completed a two-year fellowship in the Chester County District Attorney’s Office as an assistant district attorney.

2000s

Law professor KATHARINE TRAYLOR SCHAFFZIN '00 has been selected by the University of Memphis faculty senate to serve as faculty representative on the inaugural board of trustees for the University of Memphis. Schaffzin is in her eighth year as a professor at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. She previously taught law at the University of North Dakota and at Temple. Before teaching, Schaffzin was a litigation associate at Pepper Hamilton in Philadelphia, and Mazur, Carp & Rubin in New York.

JOE PACELLO, LLM IN TAXATION '00, has joined BDO USA as a tax partner in the asset management practice. Pacello was previously with KPMG, where he was a partner in the hedge fund tax practice.

Anthony Niedwiecki, LL.M. '00 named to lead Golden Gate Law School

Former Temple Law professor ANTHONY NIEDWIECKI, LL.M. '00, has been named dean of Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. Niedwiecki was a Freedman Teaching Fellow at Temple Law, for which he earned an LL.M. in 2000. He returned to teach at Temple as an associate professor from 2001 to 2003.

Before being named dean at Golden State, he was associate dean for academic affairs and professor at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where he taught law and sexual orientation, lawyering skills, and employment discrimination. During Niedwiecki’s time at John Marshall, he instituted an ambitious experiential learning mandate, in which students must complete a minimum of 168 hours of practical experience before they graduate. The initiative garnered accolades for John Marshall, with National Jurist magazine calling the law school among the country’s best in practical training. Under Niedwiecki’s leadership, John Marshall was also consistently ranked in the top five for legal writing by U.S. News & World Report.

Building Welcoming Communities Campaign to inspire local communities to engage in immigrant integration efforts. Since opening its doors in 2003, the center has assisted more than 15,000 people from over 140 countries.

ADAM T. GUSDORFF '01 was elected fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in October 2016. Gudstorff is a partner at Heckscher, Teillon, Terrill & Sager, where he focuses his practice on litigation involving trusts, estates, guardianships, and other fiduciary matters.

PETER GONZALES '03 has been elected to partnership at Blank Rome, where he concentrates on litigation involving trusts, estates, guardianships, and other fiduciary matters.

EDWARD OSEI '03 has been appointed director in charge of the Tema Port in Ghana, one of that country’s two major ports. Until this appointment, Osei was a partner at The Law Firm of Osei Nelson in Newark, NJ. He also taught at Widener Law School for five years.

RUSTIN I. PAUL '03 has been elected to partnership at Blank Rome, where he concentrates his practice in business and corporate matters. Paul volunteers in the Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project, a pro bono service for local small business owners, and is a recipient of the City Bar Justice Center’s Jeremy G. Epstein Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service.

ALLYSON DAVIS EASTMAN '04 has been promoted to business strategy manager at the Chicago office of Accenture. She focuses on strategic consulting projects for nonprofit and government clients, as well as serving as the nonprofit innovation champion.

JONATHAN SCOTT GOLDMAN '04 is taking a leave from his Blank Rome partnership to join the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office as executive deputy attorney general in charge of the civil division. At Blank Rome, Goldman is a partner in the commercial litigation group.

DAVID GORNISH '04 has joined Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott as a partner in the intellectual property group of the firm’s Philadelphia office.

ANGIE HALIM '04 and MICHAEL DROSSNER, LL.M IN TRIAL ADVOCACY '05, announced the formation of Halim Drossner, a white-collar criminal defense boutique firm with offices in Philadelphia and Montgomery County, PA.
KELLIE A. MCGOWAN ‘04 was recently honored by the board of directors of the Lenape Valley Foundation with the 2016 President’s Award for her contribution to the development of The Lodge at Lenape Valley Foundation. The Lodge, to be located on the campus of the Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, PA, will provide residential care to individuals in the midst of a behavioral health crisis as an alternative to in-patient psychiatric care. McGowan is a shareholder at Eastburn and Gray and practices in the firm’s Doylestown, PA office.

JAMES J. QUINLAN ‘05 has been elected to partnership at Blank Rome, where he is a member of the consumer financial services group. Quinlan currently is president of the Philadelphia Brehon Law Society, and is also a corporate ambassador for Failte, Ireland, The Republic of Ireland’s National Tourism Development Authority.

ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG ‘06 has been named a shareholder at Anderson Kill in Philadelphia, where he has worked since 2014. Armstrong concentrates his practice in insurance recovery and corporate and commercial litigation.

In April 2017, WALTER FRANK ‘06 joined the intellectual property firm of Brinks Gilson & Lione in the firm’s Tampa, FL office.

STEPHEN E. MURRAY ‘06, of the Philadelphia intellectual property firm of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel, has been named to the board of directors of the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Chamber’s technology committee.

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SUSAN MORRISON ‘05 has been named a 2017 “Woman Worth Watching in STEM” by Profiles in Diversity Journal. Morrison is the managing principal of Fish & Richardson’s Delaware office. Her practice emphasizes intellectual property litigation and patent litigation across a full range of technologies.

JAMES M. KWARTNIK JR. ‘09 has been named to the board of directors of the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Chamber’s technology committee.

ALEX B. NORMAN ‘06 has been elected a shareholder of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin. Norman has practiced in the firm’s casualty litigation department in the Philadelphia office since 2007. In January 2017, Stradley Ronon announced that MENA LARMOUR ‘07 and ANASTASIA C. SHEFFLER-WOOD ‘07 were elected to the firm’s partnership.

ROBERT C. LEVICOFF ‘05 has joined the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris in the products liability and toxic torts division of the firm’s trial practice group. Levicoff previously worked as an associate at McCormick & Priore and Ricci, Tyrrell, Johnson & Grey.

GREGORY STOKES ‘07 was a speaker at the Cutting Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference in March 2017 in Beverly Hills, CA. Stokes is a partner in the toxic tort litigation department of Swartz Campbell’s Philadelphia office.

LINDSAY DENNIS SWIGER ‘07, an attorney at the firm’s Lancaster, PA office. Prior to joining Saxton & Stump, Blackmore was a senior associate for Post & Schell in Allentown, PA.

SEAN MARVIN ’08 recently became legal director of Veterans Education Success, a nonprofit organization in Washington, DC. Marvin was a solo practitioner for two years after serving in active duty in the Army JAG Corps, where he remains a reservist and was recently promoted to major.

In January 2017, GREGORY A. SCHERNECKE ‘08 was elected partner at Dechert, where he focuses his practice on corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters.

SANDY JAINUTH-BARONE, LLM IN TAXATION ‘09 has joined the Perkasie, PA firm of Weber Kracht and Chelwell, where her practice areas include insurance defense, civil and commercial litigation, and estate planning and administration. Jainath-Barone also volunteers with the Wills for Heroes Foundation and is a tax volunteer with the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

In January 2017, ANDREW WELLBROCK ‘08 was appointed assistant director of the conviction review unit for the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, where he reviews claims of innocence from convicted offenders. He was previously in the special investigations unit.

ZAC SHAFFER ’08 was one of nine successful candidates in the May 2017 Democratic primary race for seats on the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. Shaffer will run unopposed in November.

SUSAN Y. TULL ’08 has been named a partner in the Washington, DC office of Finnegan. Tull, who earned an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, focuses her practice on patent litigation and client counseling in the mechanical, industrial, electrical, and medical device fields.

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Music industry att’y James McMillan ’12 featured in HuffPo

Entertainment lawyer JAMES E. McMILLAN ’12 was recently featured in The Huffington Post for his work helping artists avoid common music industry pitfalls, revive their careers, and protect their assets. Huffington Post reports that McMillan set his career path as the grandchild of successful musicians, who struggled financially despite their professional accomplishments. Based in New York City, McMillan has worked with artists including Machine Gun Kelly, New Edition, Cool & Dre, 8 Ball & MJG, A-Boogie, and Kodak Black, and has negotiated deals with major record and publishing companies including Atlantic Records, Roc-A-Fella Records and Universal Records. McMillan recently launched Gotham City Esq, a website focusing on legal news in the entertainment industry.

Noah Goodman ’16 writes about collective bargaining in baseball

NOAH GOODMAN ’16 recently received a phone call from Daniel Murphy—second baseman for the Washington Nationals. Murphy was motivated to pick up the phone after an agent sent him a copy of Goodman’s law review article, “The Evolution and Decline of Free Agency in Major League Baseball: How the 2012-2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement is Restraining Trade.” Goodman says Murphy told him “he made it through four pages and thought it would be better to call.” Goodman’s article was published in the Sports Law Journal and he presented it at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture at the Baseball Hall of Fame. Goodman is a first-year associate practicing litigation and labor and employment law at Ballard Spahr in Philadelphia.

2010s

AARON J. FICKES ’10 has joined the Seattle, WA office of Lane Powell in the litigation practice group.

In January 2017, PAUL J. KOOB ’10 was sworn in as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the civil division of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania U.S. Attorney’s Office. Koob left a position as an associate with Ballard Spahr.

MICHAEL ZABEL ’10 has joined Rawle & Henderson’s catastrophic loss section in Philadelphia as an associate. Zabel is a former prosecutor for the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

CHRISTOPHER CULLEN ’11 has joined the National Labor Relations Board’s Office of the General Counsel in the division of legal counsel’s e-litigation branch in Washington, DC as an attorney-advisor.

JULIAN EMERSON ’11 was recently named shareholder of Reminger Co., a firm he first joined as a law clerk in 2010. Emerson practices in Reminger’s Cleveland, OH office, where he specializes in the areas of general casualty, professional liability, construction liability, and employment. Emerson also coaches Cleveland-Marshall College of Law’s mock trial team.

SAMMETRIA GOODSON ’11 practices law with Maddrey, a Dallas, TX firm that represents artists, creatives, arts-based organizations, nonprofits and start-ups, which are often started by artists. Goodson, who earned an undergraduate degree in art history from the University of Texas, also volunteers for Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts, assisting community theaters obtain nonprofit status.

ANNA OPPENHEIM ’11 has joined the NCHERM Group, which provides legal and consulting services for schools and universities. Previously, she was an attorney investigator with Philadelphia’s Office of the Inspector General.

The Philadelphia intellectual property law firm of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel announced that JIBO WU ’11 has joined the firm, bringing experience in electrical engineering, computer-science related industries and a fluency in Mandarin. Wu was formerly a patent attorney with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Washington, DC.

SARAH ALDERFER, JD ’12, LLM IN TAXATION ’13, recently joined the Philadelphia firm of Mattioni as an associate. She was previously working as a contract attorney. In April 2017, she presented on advanced eminent domain valuation at a Philadelphia Bar CLE.

ALEC SCHOFENFELD ’14 has joined the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education as an archival fellow. The Philadelphia-based position is a part of FIRE’s new speech, outreach, advocacy, and research project. Schoenfeld was previously a senior member of the conflicts department at Dechert.

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ANDREW J. BARRON ’15 has joined the Eastern Pennsylvania firm of Hamburg Rubin Mullin Maxwell & Lupin as an associate in the real estate and banking sections. Prior to joining the firm, Barron clerked for two years for Judge Steven C. Tolliver Sr. in the Court of Common Pleas in Montgomery County.

MARGARET PERSICO ’15 has joined the Philadelphia office of Dilworth Paxson in the firm’s litigation department. Prior to joining Dilworth, she served as the economics and justice director in the Office of Presidential Personnel at the White House.

JOSE BIBILONI ’16 and JASON MILLER ’16 have joined Morris, Nichols, Arshe & Tunnell in Wilmington, DE. Bibiloni will practice in the firm’s business reorganization and restructuring group, and Miller is in the corporate and business litigation group.

MALCOM J. INGRAM ’16 has joined the Philadelphia office of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, where he practices in the labor relations and employment law department.

JOSEPH P. MATHEW ’16 has joined Volpe & Koenig in Philadelphia, where he previously worked as a law clerk and technical advisor.

PATRICK J. SAMANNS ’16 has joined the Law Offices of Jennifer J. Riley as an associate attorney practicing in the areas of family law, wills, trusts and estate planning.

ROBERT SEBIA ’16 has joined the Montgomery County, PA firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin as an associate in the real estate, business, and trusts and estates departments.

IN MEMORIAM
Helen E. Bertas ’50 Hon. William A. King Jr. ’53 Martin Kreithen ’54 Alan Dash ’63 William G. Ross ’64 John E. Blay ’68 Hon. Carol E. Higbee ’76 Andrea Broad ’79 Linda L. Timberlake ’79 Leslie E. Bowser Hope ’86
MURRAY SHUSTERNAN ‘36
Fox Rothschild attorney was committed Temple Law benefactor

DECEMBER 4, 2016  Murray Shusterman ’36 died at the age of 104. Shusterman, whose eight-decade legal career spanned both the public and private sectors, was a devoted benefactor of Temple Law School. He remained actively engaged in both the Law School and University communities, attending events as recently as the week before his death.

Born in the Ukraine in 1912, Shusterman immigrated with his family to the U.S. as a child. The family eventually settled in the Philadelphia area, where Shusterman took advantage of a scholarship offer to enroll at Temple University. He graduated with honors in 1933. He then enrolled in the fledgling full-time day division at Temple Law, becoming a member of the first class to attend the full-time day program and graduating with honors in 1936, at the height of the Great Depression.

In a videotaped interview with Associate Dean Rob Bartow, Shusterman recalled the limited options available to him not just because of the economic crisis, but because most firms at that time would not hire Jewish lawyers. Instead, at the recommendation of the law school dean at that time, he became counsel to the Bureau of Municipal Research, similar to today’s Committee of Seventy but broader in scope.

Shusterman’s public service roles grew over time to include work with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, established during World War II to help banks resume normal operations post-war; as an assistant and then deputy city solicitor; and as counsel to the Commission on Human Relations, where he helped write city laws on fair housing and employment. In 1969, he joined Fox Rothschild, where he built a distinguished career in real estate and corporate law.

Shusterman’s commitment to his alma mater took many forms:

• In 1959, the Law School’s first major fundraising organization, the Temple University Law Foundation, was founded by Shusterman and a group of Temple Law alumni that included the Hon. Charles Klein ’21, Samuel Lander ’31, and the Hon. Ethan Allen Doty ’31.
• In 1994, Shusterman and his family gave one of the largest gifts to date to the law school, a $1 million gift towards the restoration of a historically certified English Gothic church on Temple’s campus that opened in 1997 as Murray H. Shusterman Hall.
• In 2013, Shusterman gave $1.2 million to Temple Law School to establish the Murray H. Shusterman Professorship in Transactional and Business Law.
• Shusterman established a fund in support of the Murray Shusterman Award for Excellence in Teaching, conferred annually upon a member of the faculty by the Temple Law Alumni Association.
• Shusterman taught for many years as an adjunct professor of corporate and real estate law.
• Shusterman served as president of the alumni association, as a member of the Law School Board of Visitors, and as a member of the University Board of Trustees.

“The entire Temple Law community is saddened by this loss,” said Dean Gregory N. Mandel. “Murray has been a friend to many of our faculty and alumni as well as a great benefactor to the law school. He will be missed.”
State AG challenges graduates to be ‘stewards of our justice system’

MAY 18, 2017  "We are public citizens with a responsibility to the greater good," said Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, the speaker at this year’s commencement ceremony. Shapiro reminded graduating students and their friends and family that this is a unique period for professionals charged with becoming “stewards of our justice system.”

"The steel in America's spine is that we are a nation of laws. It's been tested time and time again," said Shapiro. "Fundamental to who we are is that we are not ruled by a king, but rather the power of our government emanates from the people. And we, the people, act as specific checks on the power of our leaders. I submit to you that that principle is being tested again today."

When Shapiro, a former state representative and Montgomery County Commissioner, was elected Pennsylvania Attorney General in November 2016, he was the only Democrat to succeed in a statewide election. "Voters in Pennsylvania elected Donald Trump president, and me, a progressive Democrat, as Attorney General of the Commonwealth," said Shapiro, "Perhaps the electorate intuited that states can act not only as a shield against overreaching federal power, but also as a sword for advancing individual rights."

"As law students, you've learned that the concept of states’ rights has been used to push back against expansion on the federal level. Next year's law students will undoubtedly study real-time examples of states using their authority to protect against infringements of individual rights by the federal government."

Student speaker agrees: “What a time to be a lawyer.”

Miriam Abaya ’17, elected by her classmates in the day division to speak at graduation, said, “What a time to be a lawyer. We live at a period of extreme polarization in our country and in the world. And that means we have a responsibility. We've committed to seeking equal justice for all.”

Evening division speaker, Benjamin Jaye ’17, recalled that he was working with the commencement speaker, Josh Shapiro, whom he called “a mentor and a friend,” when he began law school. Jaye described the multiple roles evening division law students manage as they juggle jobs, family and studies. “We must remember, every person we will represent will have lives as complicated and as rewarding as our own. [We must] practice law with empathy.”
“USE YOUR TEMPLE EDUCATION TO IMAGINE A BETTER WORLD AND LEAD US INTO IT,” says Dean Gregory Mandel at 2017 law school commencement.