Dean named to head city police oversight board

MARCH 2015 The day following the release of a Justice Department report on Philadelphia police shootings, Mayor Michael Nutter named Dean JoAnne A. Epps to lead an independent oversight board formed to respond to the report’s recommendations. The diverse 24-member board is charged with ensuring that the report’s recommendations for reforming police practices in the use of force—and especially deadly force—are carried out.

The report found that deficiencies in training and a lack of transparency led to “significant strife” between the police and the communities they serve. The report’s 91 recommendations included: establish a specialized unit to investigate all deadly force incidents; all police officers should be trained in the use of Tasers and be required to carry them on duty; incidents; all police officers should be trained in the specialized unit to investigate all deadly force— are carried out.

Dean JoAnne A. Epps

JULES EPSTEIN, NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SCHOLAR AND LAWYER, TO LEAD ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

‘Today, advocacy is much more than litigation’

Temple University Beasley School of Law has named Jules Epstein as the new Director of Advocacy Programs. Epstein, a nationally recognized authority in forensic science and capital case litigation, joins the Temple faculty July 1, 2015.

“I am tremendously excited to welcome Professor Epstein to Temple Law School,” says Dean JoAnne A. Epps. “His energy, experience, and passion are a perfect fit for our advocacy programs. I’m confident that he is going to do great things here.”

Professor Eleanor Myers, who chaired the search committee to fill the position of Director of Advocacy, says “What sets Epstein apart is not just his energy, his intellect, or his tremendous experience in so many areas. It’s the presence of all of those things in someone with a passion for teaching and a deeply generous spirit.”

Epstein comes to Temple from Widener Law School, where he is Professor of Law and the Director of the Taishoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute. While at Widener, his excellence in the classroom was recognized with numerous awards, including the Lindback Award, the Outstanding Faculty Award, and the Outstanding Faculty Member Award given by the Student Bar Association. Epstein earned both his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also taught as an adjunct professor from 1988 to 2006.

New director says he is ‘honored to follow in [Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum’s] footsteps’

The new Director of Advocacy Programs at Temple will take the reins of a program built by Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum, under whose leadership the program has been ranked consistently as one of the top three in the country. Ohlbaum led the program from 1989 until his untimely death in 2014.

Epstein is deeply aware of the shoes he’s filling. “Joining Temple holds tremendous personal meaning for me,” says Epstein. “I learned advocacy from Ed Ohlbaum as a wet-behind-the-ears public defender starting in 1978. I groaned when he left the PD’s office. He went to Temple and I watched him build a program that was second to none. “So I know that I am coming to one of the, if not the finest programs in the United States, and that opportunity alone is very appealing to me, and I’m honored to follow in his footsteps.”

Professor David Nosenhstein, who currently heads the Advocacy Program as the interim director, applauds the law school’s decision: “With the selection of Jules Epstein, Temple has set a course that will honor the legacy of Eddie Ohlbaum even as we embrace the future. Eddie would be proud.”

Advocacy: A constantly changing landscape

“Temple really is committed to advocacy,” explains Epstein. “The school is committed in terms of resources and in terms of recognizing that advocacy is on an equal plane with traditional doctrinal learning.

“I use the term ‘advocacy,’ not just ‘trial advocacy.’ We have to distinguish advocacy from litigation. The statistics are overwhelming: 90+1% of civil cases settle and 90+1% of criminal cases settle in the sense of a plea arrangement.

“Today, advocacy is much more than litigation. Advocacy can happen in the preliminary stages of investigating a civil case, or in depositions, when your deposition strategy may be to position the case for settlement. Advocacy is knowing how to do that.”

Epstein stresses that today’s advocates have to be skilled in arbitration, mediation, and advocating in transactional matters. “There’s certainly appellate advocacy, which is like litigation, but without witnesses. Advocacy is in motions practice,” adds Epstein. “So broadening without diluting, this is the tension. We want to broaden what we teach as advocacy while making sure that the fundamental skills are never diminished or ignored.”

In addition to stressing fundamental courtroom skills, Epstein stresses that today’s advocates need to keep pace with rapid changes in technology, and the growing body of research in cognitive psychology that informs so many aspects of courtroom practice.

“It can be jury psychology, judge psychology, or...
Nation's former top tax attorney delivers Fogel Lecture

MARCH 23, 2015 Kathryn Keneally discussed her work as the nation's top tax prosecutor in the 2015 Frank and Rose Fogel Lecture. From 2012 to 2015, Keneally was Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's tax division, where she oversaw civil, criminal and appellate tax litigation nationwide and developed tax enforcement initiatives in cooperation with the IRS and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, including programs targeting the use of foreign bank accounts to evade U.S. taxes, and stolen identity refund fraud. Now a partner at DLA Piper, Keneally is also chair of the National Institute on Criminal Tax Fraud and the National Institute on Tax Controversy, and a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.

Ramji-Nogales addresses disparities in the asylum process

APRIL 1, 2015 Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales delivered “Revealing Disparities: Empirical Studies of the Asylum Process” at the 2015 Frieh/Scannell Lecture, an annual lecture highlighting outstanding faculty research. Ramji-Nogales, co-director of the Institute for International Law at Temple Law, has an extensive background in international law, centering on human rights, refugee law, and transitional justice. Her current scholarship focuses on the procedural rights of immigrants in the U.S. under international human rights law, asylum law and policy. Ramji-Nogales’ co-authored book, Refugee Roulette: Disparities in Asylum Adjudication and Proposals for Reform, presents data that reveal tremendous disparities in asylum approval rates throughout the country. In a follow-up study, Ramji-Nogales and her co-authors are investigating data on decision-making at the Department of Homeland Security’s Asylum Offices, which is the first step in the U.S. asylum process.

Education law expert discusses higher education among immigrants

MARCH 30, 2015 Professor Michael A. Olivas delivered a lecture entitled “Immigration, Higher Education, and DREAMs Deferred” at the annual Hon. Clifford Scott Green Lecture. Olivas is the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law, and Director of the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance at University of Houston Law Center. Previous posts include serving as president of the Association of American Law Schools and as general counsel to the American Association of University Professors.

Floyd Abrams delivers Adams Lecture

First Amendment expert calls higher education the next free speech battleground

MARCH 16, 2015 Floyd Abrams, once described by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as “the most significant First Amendment lawyer of our age,” delivered the 2015 Arlin and Neysa Adams Lecture. In his remarks, Abrams identified higher education as the next battleground for free speech, citing instances in which speaking invitations to controversial figures have been withdrawn after student groups threatened disruptive action if the events proceeded as planned. Abrams was quick to clarify that he knew of no such activities at Temple.

"Of all places, campuses should be the most protective of freedom of speech," Abrams remarked. "On a campus that is free and open, no idea can be banned or forbidden." He also noted that in addition to the silencing caused by withdrawn invitations, campus speech had become more subject to stifling and censorship, usually in the name of protecting listeners from “offensive” speech. Abrams is a partner of the New York law firm Cahill Gordon & Reindel, which he joined in 1963. For fifteen years, he was the William J. Brennan, Jr. Visiting Professor of First Amendment Law at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. He was also a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School and Columbia Law School.

In 2011, Yale Law School (where Abrams earned his J.D. in 1960) announced the formation of The Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression, whose mission is to promote free speech, scholarship and law reform on emerging questions concerning traditional and new media.

“More speech, not less, is better,” Abrams concluded. “It’s not who benefits by reading the First Amendment broadly that matters. It’s that we all lose by reading it narrowly.”

Joe H. Tucker Jr. ’89 delivers litigation lecture

APRIL 13, 2015 JOE H. TUCKER JR. ’89 discussed his personal trajectory into the law in the Edward Ross Lecture in Litigation. Tucker is the shareholder and managing partner of the Tucker Law Group, a boutique litigation firm based in Philadelphia. Tucker was recently selected to the 2015 list as a member of the Nation’s Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel, an honor bestowed on only one percent of attorneys in the United States.
Laura Little cited for service to law review

MAY 13, 2015  Professor LAURA E. LITTLE ’85 received the first Temple Law Review Alumni Award of Merit at the publication’s annual awards banquet. Little, a Temple Law graduate who herself served as the law review’s editor-in-chief before graduating in 1985, is the publication’s longtime faculty adviser.

Following graduation, Little clerked for Judge James Hunter III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and then for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court. She joined the Temple Law faculty in 1990 after building a Philadelphia-based practice in commercial litigation and First Amendment issues. Today, Little is the Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government and serves as a senior adviser to the dean.

At the banquet, current Temple Law Review editorial board members BEN FABENS-LASSEN ’15, KATE VENGRAITIS ’15, ZACH ROTH ’15, and TERSE SCHIRESON ’15, announced the J. Howard Reber Award winners. WILLIAM LESER ’15, for outstanding editing, ANNA KESSLER ’15, for outstanding writing; Samar Aryani-Sabet for staff editor-of-the-year.

Founded in 1927, Temple Law Review is a student-edited, quarterly journal. In addition to overseeing publication of the journal, law review members also organize an annual scholarly symposium, and subsequently publish the papers presented at that symposium. This year’s symposium topic was The (Un)Quiet Realist: Building and Reflecting on the Contributions of Bill Whitford. Whitford is an expert in bankruptcy and consumer law.

Epstein to lead advocacy programs continued from page one

witness psychology,” says Epstein. “There are studies on all of those. Now, it’s not possible, in a one-semester trial ad course, to squeeze all of that in, but we can make the resources available, and make students aware that when they go out into the world they better look at those resources.”

More than an academic

Temple Law’s new Director of Advocacy Programs has been associated with the Philadelphia firm of Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing & Feinberg since 1990. He says being engaged in the community is crucial to being a good teacher. Epstein handles post-conviction capital case matters as court-appointed or pro bono counsel, and contributes to amicus briefs on behalf of organizations such as the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has collaborated on an innocence case with Marissa Bluestine ’95, Legal Director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, and recently completed a Frye hearing (to determine the ‘general acceptance’ of eyewitness expert evidence) with the Philadelphia Public Defenders Office.

Epstein is also a member of the National Commission on Forensic Science, and serves on the faculty of the National Judicial College, where he lectures to judges and lawyers on forensic science, evidence, and criminal procedure, especially in capital cases.

“Jules Epstein embodies the passion and the professionalism that have made Temple’s advocacy program one of the best in the nation,” says Dean Epps. “I like to think that he’s always been a Temple lawyer in spirit, if not in fact. I’m delighted that we can finally claim him officially as one of our own.”

“This position is the culmination of a career in litigation and education,” remarks Epstein. “Temple has a preeminent advocacy program with exceptional faculty, students, and alumni, and I’m thrilled at the opportunity to join this community.”

ANDREA MONROE WINS DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Tax professor ‘changes her students’ lives’

APRIL 15, 2015  Tax professor Andrea Monroe received the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, a Temple-wide honor conferred annually on the university’s top professors. Lectures on advanced topics in taxation are not often described as “inspiring,” so when that word showed up repeatedly on law student evaluations in Monroe’s courses, it attracted notice. “Andrea Monroe does not merely teach. She inspires,” wrote a former student. Said another, “Professor Monroe’s knowledge, passion, and personality combined to be a source of inspiration to the students who had the pleasure of taking her classes.”

Monroe’s colleagues concurred, describing her teaching as “superb,” “gifted,” and infused with a “warm humanity.” Dean JoAnne A. Epps, in a letter recommending Monroe for the award, wrote, “there is a persistent and compelling theme found in these comments. That theme is impact…. Professor Monroe changes her students’ lives.”

Monroe gained experience as a tax attorney at Winston & Strawn in Chicago and New York, and Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, where her practice included leveraged leasing, alternative energy transactions, and other forms of tax-advantaged financing. Today, she teaches introductory and upper-level courses in tax as well as a first-year section on torts. Her scholarship, which focuses principally on issues in partnership taxation, has been published in prestigious academic and professional journals.

In receiving the Lindback Award, Monroe joins a select roster of colleagues on the law faculty who have also won the award in the past three decades: Robert Bartow, James Strazzella, Frank McClellan, James Shellenberger, Laura Little, Eleanor Myers, David Sonenshein, Alice Abreu, Susan DeJarnatt, and Craig Green.
Trial Team takes semi-final honors at National Criminal Justice Trial Competition

MARCH 21, 2015 The National Trial Team brought home semi-final honors in the National Criminal Justice Trial Competition, advancing to the final four against an intensely competitive field of teams from 19 other schools. The competition was held at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Temple Law School was represented at the competition by (from left) ABIGAIL THIBEAULT ’15, JOHN MCCAU ’15, CAITLIN RICE ’15, and SARAH KIEWLICZ ’16. Professor Jennifer Bretschneider, coached the team with former trial team champion EMILIA MCKEE VASSALLO ’14.

Temple named ‘best new team’ at space law competition

Third-year students RICHARD BARZAGA ’15 and JORDAN SANTO ’15 have boldly gone where no Temple Law students have gone before: to the North American regional round of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, where they advanced to the quarter-finals and earned Best New Team honors.

After a promotional poster for the competition inspired the duo’s interest, they talked about the benefits of competing: “We thought it would be a great mental exercise to be able to take this really broad body of law that we were unfamiliar with, research and brief the issues, and then be able to argue those issues in front of judges. We wanted to challenge ourselves,” says Barzaga.

Santo adds, “On a more practical level, we knew the value of being able to show future employers that, in just a short amount of time, we could digest a wealth of information and communicate that information cogently and intelligently. In today’s legal market, efficiency seems to be the name of the game, and we wanted to demonstrate how quickly and efficiently we could become fluent in space law.”

In preparing for the competition, Santo and Barzaga recruited MIKE BESMER ’15 as a backup with moot court experience and familiarity with international law. Then the group consulted with Professors Jeff Dunoff, from the international law faculty, and Greg Mandel, who holds degrees in physics and astronomy and worked for NASA prior to attending law school.

“A solid foundation in international law was essential because of the nature of space law. “Space law,” Barzaga explains, “is a combination of the national and international laws that dictate what activities governments and private entities may undertake in outer space.”

“In true entrepreneurial Temple Law student fashion,” says team adviser Mandel, “these students found an area of law and took on the task of not only preparing for and competing in a moot court competition, but getting up to speed on an entire body of law.”

While neither Barzaga nor Santo is currently interested in becoming a “space lawyer,” they haven’t ruled it out. At this time, Barzaga plans to join Weber Gallagher as an associate in the fall, while Santo will join the Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

BLSA STUDENT LEADERS HOST ANNUAL RECEPTION IN SHUSTERMAN HALL

FEBRUARY 25, 2015 The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted a forum entitled “State of the Black Union: What happened in Ferguson? An Interactive Discussion on Race and the Criminal Justice System.” Invited panelists included Mia Perez ’06, Deborah Watson-Stokes, and Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve, Assistant Professor of Criminal justice at Temple University. BLAS President TIFFANY SYKES ’16 moderated the discussion. BLAS also hosted its annual alumni reception in March 2015. Professor Donald Harris serves as BLAS’s faculty adviser.

AWARD-WINNING PROFESSOR RETIRES FROM FACULTY AFTER 35 YEARS

Anthony J. Bocchino has earned numerous awards for the trial advocacy curriculum he helped develop and teach at Temple Law since joining the faculty in 1979 as Associate Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Legal Education. Bocchino has also taught on the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy since 1974, and was awarded NITA’s Robert Oliphant Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002.

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM DEAN JOANNE A. EPPS

After 35 years of faithful service to Temple Law School, Professor Anthony J. Bocchino has completed his last semester of teaching as a member of the tenured law school faculty. Professor Bocchino’s contributions to the law school community are too numerous to count, as are the students and graduates who have benefited from his teaching, mentorship, and guidance. In lieu of a celebratory gathering, Professor Bocchino has asked that a virtual space be provided for those who are inclined to leave a note about his impact on their lives. I invite you to use this space to share a favorite memory, an anecdote about what Professor Bocchino has meant to you, or a few kind words for Professor Bocchino as he embraces the next chapter of his life.

Please visit www2.law.temple.edu/bocchinoreirement/
HEAD OF ASIAN PROGRAMS MEETS WITH CHINESE VICE PREMIER

APRIL 2015 Professor John Smagula, who teaches in Temple’s China Rule of Law Program and is Director of Asian Programs, met with China Vice Premier Ma Kai during the annual Conference on International Exchange of Professionals, hosted by the Chinese State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs. During the visit, Smagula briefed Premier Ma on the law school’s legal education programs in China and reaffirmed Temple’s commitment to working with the Chinese government to educate government officials and legal professionals.

Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame admits new inductees

In 2013, The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame found a permanent home when it was installed in Klein Hall at Temple Law School. The 2015 inductees into the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame are Temple Law School supporter Mike Papantonio of Levin Papantonio; Christopher Searcy of Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley; and Lisa Blue Baron of Baron and Blue.

The Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame is a professional organization, established by The Trial Lawyer magazine, and is composed of select trial lawyers from across the country who “exemplify superior qualifications as civil plaintiff or criminal defense trial lawyers.”

This year’s inductees brings the number of attorneys represented in the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame to 42. The inductees, living, retired and deceased, represent many decades of legal practice and include such luminaries as Clarence Darrow, William Kunstler, Morris Dees, James E. Beasley and Temple Law graduate SANDRA MAZER MOSS ’75.

New Hall of Fame members (from left): Christopher Searcy, Lisa Blue Baron, Mike Papantonio

CLASS NOTES

1950s

HARVEY BERNARD RUBENSTEIN ’55 of Delaware has been elected to serve a three-year term on the ABA board of governors from 2015 to 2018.

1970s

In May 2015, Southern Vermont College awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Human Letters to KAREN GROSS ’77 at its 88th commencement. Gross served as the college’s president from 2006 through 2014. In 2012, she took leave to serve as senior policy advisor to the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, DC, where she was involved in implementing the President’s 2020 Initiative to increase college access and success. Gross was a tenured law professor at New York Law School for several years, with expertise in consumer finance, over-indebtedness and community economic development.

ALBERT S. DANDRIDGE III ’78 received a Veteran of Influence Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal. He was one of twenty Philadelphia-area veterans to earn the award. Dandridge, who is the chair of Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis’ securities practice group, is the Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

1980s

BARBARA N. LYONS ’81, chair of the Doylestown Township board of supervisors, won the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors’ Presidents Leadership Award at the association convention in April 2015. Lyons, who has been township supervisor since 2002, previously headed the township parks and recreation board. She is a former trial attorney who now practices as a civil mediator and neutral arbitrator.

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Teresa Cavenagh ’85, Leon Greenspan ’58, and Joseph Weiss ’66 honored for support of Temple University

APRIL 26, 2015 Each year the Temple University Alumni Association presents the Impact Awards to alumni and friends who, through their volunteer and philanthropic contributions, have proven an inspiration to others in support of the university. Three law school alumni were honored with Impact Awards at this year’s celebration.

Teresa Cavenagh ’85, a partner at Duane Morris, has served as president of the Temple Law Alumni Association and member of the Temple University Alumni Association board of directors. Cavenagh has also been the chair of Women’s Way Lucretia Mott Society committee, and is vice chair of the board of directors of SeniorLA W Center, a nonprofit legal services organization.

LEON J. GREENSPAN ’58, with his wife Irene, established the Joseph Greenspan Memorial Scholarship in honor of his late father. Avid sports fans, the Greenspans were also honored for their impact as benefactors to such Temple projects as the Edberg-Olsen Football Practice Facility and the Liacouras Center. Greenspan co-chaired the 50th reunion for the Law School Class of 1958. Greenspan practices law at Greenspan & Greenspan in White Plains, NY.

JOSEPH H. WEISS ’66, a former president of the Temple University Law Alumni Association, is a current member of the Dean’s Council at the Fox School of Business. He has also served as vice president of the board of trustees of Congregation Rodeph Shalom; chair of Jefferson University’s Cancer Hospital board; chair of the Mayor’s Anti-Graffiti Network; member of the board of directors of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the board of directors of the Bridge Therapeutic Center at Fox Chase. Weiss is chairman of Electronic Ink, a business data design consultancy firm.

Class of 1982’s Beth Cole and Gerald William honored for work on behalf of prisoners

BETH COLE ’82 and GERALD J. WILLIAMS ’82 were recently honored for representing hundreds of prisoners in claims that they were injured as a result of unconstitutional conditions of the Philadelphia Prison System. At a reception hosted by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania’s prisoner civil rights panel, JUDGE M. FAITH ANGELL ’71 noted that between 2011 and 2014, Cole and Williams accepted judicial appointments to represent more than 900 former pro se plaintiffs and resolved the vast majority of the cases, with more than 500 resulting in individual settlements with the city and private medical providers. Williams is a founding partner of Williams Cuker Berezhofsky, where Cole is also a partner.

An apology: THOMAS A. BROPHY ’82 remains the President and CEO of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin. The April 2015 issue of Temple Esq. incorrectly stated that Brophy had left that position to run the business operations of the firm. Pennsylvania State Senator PATRICK BROWNE ’83 recently joined a panel discussion at Moravian College entitled “Public Service, Public Life, Public Good.” Browine, a Republican whose district is in the Lehigh Valley chairs the Senate appropriations committee. He was first elected to the Senate following a special election in April of 2005 and was re-elected in the fall of 2006 and 2010. Before joining the Senate, he represented the 131st District for ten years as a member of the House of Representatives.

LESLEY A. MILLER, LL.M ’94, is the chair of the newly formed Museums Board of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Miller is an attorney in Philadelphia where she also serves as an adviser to Mayor Michael Nutter. Miller and her husband, Richard Worley, are collectors of American fine, folk and decorative arts, which are detailed in her recent book, Start with a House, Finish with a Collection, published in 2014 by Scala Arts.

Worcester County, MA Sheriff LEWIS EVANGELIDIS ’87 was sworn in as a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Port Authority in April 2015. Massport operates Logan International Airport in Boston, the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field in Bedford and Worcester Regional Airport. Evangelidis, who previously was a Republican state representative, was elected Worcester County sheriff in 2010.

KEVIN A. FEELY ’88 has been named spokesperson for the Philadelphia 2016 host committee for the Democratic National Convention, scheduled to convene in Philadelphia in July 2016. Feely, who is president of the Bellevue Communications Group, was Deputy Mayor for Communications for Mayor Edward G. Rendell from 1992 to 2001.

MICHAEL A. SGRO ’89 has been named the senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of American Water, a publicly traded water and wastewater utility company based in Voorhees, NJ. Sgro joined American Water in 1993, and was most recently general counsel of the company’s northeast division.

ANITA CARR SHAPIRO ’89 was installed as president of the board of trustees of Practising Law Institute (PLI), a nonprofit continuing legal education and professional business training organization based in New York. Shapiro was a program attorney at PLI from 1999 to 2004 before being named director and executive vice president of the program division in 2006.

In her capacity as secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association, JACQUELINE SEGAL ’89 delivered the naturalization speech welcoming 72 new citizens from 36 different countries at a ceremony held at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania with presiding judge, HON. JOHN R. PADOVA ’59. Segal is a partner at Fox Rothschild, where she practices in the areas of family law and litigation.

In March 2015, Ballard Spahr partner HARRY WEISS ’80 was recognized by former Maryland Governor Martin J. O’Malley for his service on the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission. Weiss served for three years, and in 2014 the commission completed its final report. Based in the firm’s Philadelphia office, Weiss is a partner in Ballard Spahr’s environment and natural resources group. Before entering law school, he was general manager of Lakewood Oil Company in Honesdale, PA.

P. LUEVONDA ROSS ’91 was recognized as Woman of the Year for her contributions to the community, at a banquet hosted by the Monticello/Drew County, AK Chamber of Commerce and the Monticello Economic Development Commission. Ross recently completed a two-year appointment as judge for the Drew County District Court.

AURANGZEB AMIN, LL.M ’96, is a partner in law and head of legal at Faysal Bank Limited in Karachi, Pakistan.

LISA LORI ’99, a partner in the litigation department of Kehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg in Philadelphia, made a presentation to the Philadelphia Bar Association entitled “Cybersecurity: Risks and Responses.” Lori also serves as a member of the board of trustees of Marywood University.

2000s

KURT G. LARKIN ’00 has been promoted to partner at the Richmond, VA firm of Hunton & Williams, where he counsels large and employment issues.

PETER ISAIV ’02 won a 2015 Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing. For his article “Cybersecurity Risks Reviewed: Defectors and Officers Must Be Proactive and Prepared,” published in the Bloomberg BNA Corporate Accountability Report, Isaiv is a partner in the New York City office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, where he concentrates his practice on complex commercial and securities litigation, in addition to regulatory investigations.

CHRISTINE W. RAYER ’02 has joined the Blue Bell, PA firm of Elliott Greenleaf & Siedzikowski after serving in Governor Corbett’s office of general counsel, where she was executive deputy general counsel for criminal justice and investigations.
Former Friedman Teaching Fellow to head UNH center for intellectual property

ANN BARTOW, LL.M. IN LEGAL EDUCATION ‘97, has been named director of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. Bartow began her legal teaching career at Temple Law as an Honorable Abraham L. Freedman Teaching Fellow. Prior to teaching, Bartow practiced law at the San Francisco firm of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen (now part of Morgan Lewis) after earning her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Currently a professor at Pace Law School, Bartow previously taught at the University of South Carolina School of Law. From 2011 to 2012, she was a Fulbright Scholar at Tongji University in Shanghai, China.

Corey M. Miller ’12 recognized for helping low-income families avoid foreclosure

Philly VIP honored COREY M. MILLER ’12 for years of work providing legal services to low-income families in Philadelphia. Miller, an associate specializing in estate planning and administration at KMS Law Offices, was introduced to Philadelphia VIP as a Brandeis Fellow in 2013. The Brandeis Fellowship provides recent law school graduates the opportunity to work on civil matters pro bono through Philadelphia VIP. As a Brandeis Fellow, Miller was paired with a volunteer attorney/mentor who assisted him in taking homeownership cases through VIP’s Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program. Through that program, Miller has enabled five VIP clients to stay in their homes by negotiating with banks and lenders to figure out loan modifications and payment plans.

“Corey has consistently gone above and beyond for his VIP clients and works creatively toward a resolution for each one,” says VIP managing attorney OURANIA PAPADEMIETRIOU ’81. “Corey is a tireless advocate for some of our neediest homeowners, who are lucky to have him on their side.”

Alex Dutton ’15 earns national pro bono award

Temple Law “gives law students a platform for making change”

Recent graduate ALEX DUTTON ’15 received the Pro Bono Publico Award for the work he accomplished as a law student, building a youth court program at Strawberry Mansion High School. The award, given by the PUSD (Public Service Jobs Directory) to honor one law student nationwide for their pro bono contributions to society, was presented in a ceremony featuring remarks by Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Reed, Director of the Education Works Youth Court Support Center Gregg Volz, and Dean JoAnne A. Epps.

Dutton’s involvement with youth courts dates to 2012, when, as a first-year law student, he volunteered to assist with Philadelphia’s first Youth Court, located at Strawberry Mansion High School, the only high school on the Philadelphia School District’s list of “persistently dangerous schools.” Youth Court initiatives are exercises in restorative justice, using positive peer pressure to reshape student behavior and interrupt the “school-to-prison pipeline” by providing an alternative to suspension for students who commit minor offenses. Philadelphia’s new program was backed by the US Attorney’s Office and run by Gregg Volz, a seasoned practitioner who had implemented Youth Courts successfully elsewhere.

A teacher prior to entering law school, Dutton quickly distinguished himself. His involvement with the program continued throughout law school, as he has successfully attracted other law students from all six Philadelphia region law schools to support the city’s burgeoning Youth Court programs. Volz summarized Dutton’s contribution to the Youth Court program and to the Philadelphia community: “Alex’s efforts have sparked a potential paradigm shift in law school pro bono activity and shown how youth courts help disadvantaged youth help themselves.”

Attorney Robert Reed concurred, calling Dutton’s work “transformative. . . . Alex has a sincerity, an intellect, and a passion that you don’t often see in anybody,” remarked Reed. “He is helping to bring opportunity and hope to the young people of Strawberry Mansion. I saw them at the end of the year, and they were transformed.”

In accepting the award, Dutton praised the Temple Law community for its passionate support of the pro bono efforts of many Temple law students and faculty. Temple Law, Dutton says, “gives law students a platform for making change.”

Fox Rothschild attorney CHRISTIAN J. FISHER ’11 was named the treasurer of the casino law section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Fisher was also named “Dealmaker of the Year” in 2014 by Finance Monthly for his involvement in the transaction of Amaya’s acquisition of Rational Group.

JENNIFER L. ZEGEL, LL.M. IN TAXATION ’12, has been named a partner in the Philadelphia office of Ritter Rizzo & Damali. In addition to earning an LL.M. at Temple Law, Zegel also earned certifications in estate planning and employee benefits.

IN MEMORIAM

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Former trial team champ returns for Dean's Forum

APRIL 7, 2015  She got her start in the courtroom as a member of a National Trial Team that won the regionals in 1992 and in 1993, the year she graduated. Today **ABBY SULLIVAN YATES ‘93** is general counsel for EthosEnergy, an international provider of equipment services and solutions to the power, oil and gas, and industrial markets headquartered in Houston, TX. In April, Yates visited the law school to share her career trajectory with law students as part of an ongoing forum hosted by Dean Joanne A. Epps. Prior to joining EthosEnergy, Yates spent ten years working for Wood Group, first as litigation manager and then as divisional counsel for its GTS Division. She began her legal career practicing with Morgan Lewis in Philadelphia, and also worked for Bracewell & Guiliani, an international law firm based in Houston, and Schlumberger, the world’s largest oilfield services company.

**Save the date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

**BRYAN STEVENSON**

Social justice advocate will deliver Temple Law Foundation Lecture

Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, has been called one of the country’s most visionary legal thinkers and social justice advocates. Bishop Tutu has called Stevenson “America’s young Nelson Mandela.” He has been named a MacArthur Fellow, joined the faculty at N.Y.U. School of Law, won the Olof Palme Prize for international human rights and, last fall, published the award-winning memoir “Just Mercy.”

The 55-year-old lawyer graduated from Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School and practiced for four years with the Southern Prisoners Defense Committee. In 1989, Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Initially focused on providing free legal help to death-row inmates in Alabama, EJI has grown to tackle life sentences for juvenile offenders, inadequate access to legal help for poor defendants, racial bias in the criminal process, and the history of racial and economic inequality in America.

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