Temple Law is Advocacy
Message from the Dean

The beginning of the academic year at Temple Law School is always an exciting time, one filled with new beginnings that have been made possible by the support and generosity of our graduates and friends. That excitement is especially present this year, and I am deeply grateful to the individuals, law firms, granting agencies, and corporations that have joined together to support our law school. I am proud to report that 100% of our faculty and many members of our staff are included among our community of supporters, and that their gifts, together with the donations from 80% of the Class of 2014, have resulted in new funds for student scholarships.

I am also proud of, and personally moved by, the outpouring of contributions to the Eddie Ohlbaum Fund. Those of you who knew Professor Ohlbaum know that being in his presence was to be inspired and changed for the better. Temple Law School has been changed for the better by his service and is proud to carry on his legacy. Your gifts to the fund established in his honor are a testament to what has not changed and that which will define our path forward: our enduring commitment to excellence in advocacy and vision for the future.

As you will read in this issue, that vision is thriving. The J.D. and LL.M. programs continue to give our students an unparalleled foundation in the advocacy skills that form the essence of lawyering in any practice setting. Our National Trial Team continues to excel in regional and national competitions. Our J.D. students enjoy more experiential learning opportunities than ever before, not just through the trial advocacy programs, but through the Sheller Center for Social Justice, the PA Innocence Project at Temple Law, and our rich array of clinical experiences. And at the helm, as interim Director of Advocacy Programs, stands our own Professor David Sonenshein, a nationally recognized expert in trial advocacy. I am proud that Professor Sonenshein has agreed to serve in this role and I am excited about what the future holds for Advocacy at Temple Law.

Thank you for your support of Temple Law School.

JoAnne A. Epps, Dean
“For 30 years, David Sonenshein has been a pillar of the trial advocacy program at Temple Law,” says Dean Epps. “In addition to his nationally known work as an expert on evidence, David has been instrumental in building the trial advocacy curriculum and making it what it is today. The program could not be in better hands.”

“I’m honored by Dean Epps’ faith in me,” says Sonenshein, “and by the opportunity to serve the law school in this role. But the program isn’t just in my hands. Temple Law has an outstanding advocacy faculty, including my longtime colleagues Anthony Bocchino and Lou Natali, Dean Epps herself, and our newest addition from the U.S. Attorney’s office, Lauren Ouziel. I couldn’t ask for a better team as we move forward with the advocacy program at Temple Law.”

In addition to the full-time faculty, Sonenshein will have the support of Temple Law’s extensive roster of adjunct faculty, which includes federal judges and seasoned lawyers from private firms, district attorneys’ offices, and defender associations across the region. He will also work closely with accomplished program directors Sara Jacobson (J.D. program), Barbara Ashcroft (LL.M. in Trial Advocacy program), and Jen Bretschneider (Experiential Programs) and with Herb Kolsby, who helped to establish the LL.M. in Trial Advocacy and continues to teach in the advocacy program.

Sonenshein replaces the longtime director, Edward D. Ohlbaum, who passed away in March 2014. Ohlbaum, who headed the program from 1989 until his untimely death, is also credited with launching the national championship trial team and founding the nation’s first LL.M. in Trial Advocacy program. During Ohlbaum’s tenure, Temple Law became a national presence in trial advocacy, and for twenty years has been consistently ranked in the top three schools in the country for trial advocacy by U.S. News and World Report.

The programs Sonenshein will lead include both the J.D. and LL.M. advocacy curricula, as well as the vast array of external clinical courses and experiential opportunities offered at the law school. Sonenshein anticipates building on current areas of excellence while expanding other areas to reflect the changing landscape of legal practice.

“Not every law student will become a trial lawyer,” says Sonenshein. “But every law student will become an advocate, and will need the skills that our advocacy courses develop. Every lawyer, whether involved in transactional, litigation, or policy work, employs advocacy skills every day.”

Temple Law’s current curriculum in advocacy includes not only Introduction to Trial Advocacy, the Integrated Trial Advocacy Program, and the Advanced Advocacy courses, but also courses in arbitration, mediation, negotiation, and client counseling as well as the innovative first-year courses Litigation Basics and Introduction to Transactional Skills.

“While we have been a leader in trial advocacy for many years, we plan to enhance our offerings in the skills required in other forms of dispute resolution both inside and outside the litigation process,” Sonenshein explains. “Even in the context of litigation, we recognize that the vast majority of disputes are settled outside of trial, and that these processes require specialized advocacy skills. We’re committed to teaching our students those skills with the same demand for excellence on which Professor Ohlbaum built the original trial advocacy curriculum.”

DAVID SONENSHINE
TO HEAD ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Dean JoAnne A. Epps has announced that David Sonenshein, Jack E. Feinberg Professor of Litigation, will serve as the interim Director of Advocacy Programs.

A graduate of Cornell University and the New York University Law School, Sonenshein has taught at Boston University, DePaul University, and George Washington University Law School. He teaches classes in evidence, criminal procedure, and civil procedure. An engaging and compelling presence in the classroom, Sonenshein has received the Outstanding Professor Award at both DePaul and Temple Law Schools a total of six times. In 2004, Professor Sonenshein was honored as one of Temple University’s finest teachers, receiving the University’s Lindback Award for Outstanding Teaching. In 2007, he was awarded the university’s prestigious Great Teacher Award.

The co-author of more than ten books on evidence, including Principles of Evidence with the late Irving Younger, Sonenshein has performed training in trial advocacy at America’s premier law firms and government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice. For almost 25 years, he has conducted training in evidence for recently confirmed federal judges at the Federal Judicial Center. One recent training, which Sonenshein conducted for the Federal Judicial Center as an online evidence webinar, reached an audience of approximately 1,200 viewers at 400 sites around the U.S.—among the largest online audiences ever, according to the FJC.
A brief informal survey of some Temple-trained advocates from recent decades reveals a host of common themes in response to the question: What inspires and nurtures successful advocates? While our respondents cite a variety of reasons for becoming trial lawyers, many had participated in mock trial in high school or in law-related programs in college.

Laura Carlin Mattiacci ’02, a partner at Console Law Offices in Philadelphia, was inspired to become a trial lawyer during her junior year of college when she read Nelson Mandela’s autobiography, *A Long Walk to Freedom*. “It changed my life,” remembers Mattiacci. “At the time I was a biochemistry major, but after reading that book and seeing how he was able to go from being born in a hut to using a law degree to bring freedom to an entire people, I took the LSAT and applied to law school.”

Morgan Lewis partner Nathan Andrisani ’95 also discovered the law through a book, and then came to understand the law through his close relationships with professors. “The character Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird* first put the seed in my head,” says. “During law school, I began to learn and better understand from Professors Eddie Ohlbaum and Lou Natali, and trial team coach Bill Bowe, what it meant to become a trial lawyer.”

They came from across the country to study at Temple Law. Many found Philadelphia an exciting city in which to build a career and sink roots, while others have migrated away, lured by career, family or adventure. They counsel, litigate, defend, negotiate, arbitrate. What do they have in common? They advocate.

**Where is she now?**

**CAROLINE POWER ’14**

**Today:** Associate at Dechert, Philadelphia, PA

**What she learned . . .**

“It’s not enough to just know the right legal theory if you can’t present that in a clear and compelling way, whether you’re presenting to a jury, a judge, or a supervising partner.”
Why did they choose Temple?

They say they chose Temple Law because of its reputation for excellence in preparing trial lawyers. “I went to law school to become a trial lawyer,” says personal injury attorney John A. Mattaquoi Jr. ’02. “I went to Temple because it had the best reputation for trial advocacy.”

“I decided to become a trial lawyer prior to law school, which is why Temple Law School (which at the time was ranked the #1 trial advocacy program in the country) was my top choice of law schools,” says New York State Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights Alphonso B. David ’00.

What did they find once they got there?

All the practicing attorneys we surveyed shared the certainty that Temple Law School—and participation in the Trial Advocacy Program and other experiential learning experiences—were critical in shaping their law school experience and providing the skills they needed to hit the ground running. Alphonso David ’00 is emphatic: “My experience at Temple did not disappoint and in fact provided me with all of the requisite analytical and presentation skills to enter into a courtroom on day one.”

“The most important skill I learned at Temple Law was how to think and act like a trial lawyer, through my experience both on the Trial Team and in the Trial Advocacy Program,” says Duane Morris partner Lawrence Pockers ’99. Former trial team participant Judson Aaron ’91 put it this way: “Temple’s Trial Advocacy Program gave me the practical skills—how to open and close to a jury, put in documentary evidence, conduct an effective cross-examination, develop a compelling theory of the case, identify the evidentiary issues, strategize a case to win at trial—that I would need as a practicing lawyer.” Arizona Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Ducat Keller ’03 agrees. “Those types of skills give you the confidence to take difficult cases right after graduation because you know you’ve been tested by good lawyers already.”

Where is he now?

NATHAN J. ANDRISANI ’95
Today: Partner, Morgan Lewis in Philadelphia, Litigation practice focuses on the criminal defense of individuals and companies
Getting there: Spent four years as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia

What be learned . . .

“Preparation and attention to detail. Eddie Ohlbaum used to quote former Brooklyn Dodgers GM Branch Rickey in saying ‘luck is the residue of design.’ We learned that the more and better we prepared for trial, the more ‘luck’ we would have in the verdicts.”

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JUDSON AARON ’91
Today: Partner at Conrad, O’Brien in Philadelphia, Chair of the white collar defense and government investigations group
Getting there: Spent ten years as a federal prosecutor

VICTORIA (SCHARUDA) MOSCHELLA ’92
Today: Tyco International, Princeton, NJ, Senior Corporate Counsel, Strategic Sourcing and Real Estate
Getting there: In-house positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and Brach’s Confections, Inc.

JUDY LEONE ’84
Today: Managing partner of Dechert in Philadelphia; leads teams in the defense of individual and class actions involving product liability, consumer fraud, warranty, negligence, and misrepresentation claims
Getting there: Started at Dechert following graduation

NANCY CONRAD ’89
Today: Partner at White and Williams in Lehigh Valley, PA, Chair of the Labor and Employment Group and Education Law Group
Getting there: Worked as a school teacher and counselor before law school

ABBY (SULLIVAN) YATES ’93
Today: Chief legal advisor and compliance officer for EthosEnergy in Houston, TX
Getting there: Worked in litigation departments in several large firms before going in-house with EthosEnergy
Close working relationships with faculty were cited as a critical factor. Many claim the longtime head of Trial Advocacy Programs Edward Ohlbaum (deceased in 2014) and other longtime professors such as Anthony Bocchino, David Sonenshein, JoAnne Epps and Jen Bretschneider as personal mentors.

“My time on trial team with Professors Eddie Ohlbaum and Jen Bretschneider solidified my commitment to trial advocacy,” says Carolyn Power ’14, now a first year associate at Dechert. “My classes with Ken Jacobsen sparked my interest in complex civil litigation.”

John Mattiaci agrees. “Being a part of Temple’s National Trial Team was invaluable. I cannot express how fortunate I was to be taught the craft of trial advocacy by people like Eddie Ohlbaum and Marissa Boyers Bluestine, and to have been a part of such a successful, elite program.”

“The program was a tutorial in everything that a trial lawyer needed to know from A-Z, which then allowed students to practice the skills that they had learned live in front of well-known local trial lawyers and judges,” says senior attorney for Tyco Victoria Moschella ’92, “It was not only critical to my developmental as a lawyer, but it also has provided me with some of my fondest memories as a law student.”

Recent alumna Brittné Walden ’14 mentioned the importance of supportive classmates. “It’s hard to be unsuccessful when you work hard, are passionate, and surround yourself with supportive people,” says Walden, who is now working as a Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney.

One trial team member had a uniquely positive experience. “We had the same four-person trial team for two years. We were great friends then and still remain so to this day,” says Laura Carlin Mattiacci ’02. “I’ve also been married to one of them (John Mattiacci ’02) for 11 years and we have three kids.”

What they learned . . . in brief

“The most successful people . . . are the ones who aren’t afraid to roll up their sleeves and actually do the work.”
—Victoria Moschella ’92

“Be rigid in your preparation but flexible in your approach.”
—Christine Ducat Keller ’03

“The most important thing I learned in law school was to be yourself as an advocate. . . . Judges and juries don’t want to be fooled by talented performers, they want to be convinced by persuasive advocates. . . . Also, out-prepare everyone else.”
—Catherine Cramer ’13

LAWRENCE H. POCKERS ’99
Today: Partner at Duane Morris in Philadelphia, focuses on non-compete, trade secrets and unfair competition cases
Getting there: Joined Duane Morris immediately after law school

ALPHONSO B. DAVID ’00
Today: Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights, Office of the New York State Governor, Adjunct Professor of Law at Cardozo Law School
Getting there: Clerked for Hon. Clifford Scott Green in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; served as Deputy Commissioner and Special Counselor at the New York State Division of Human Rights, as a litigation associate at Blank Rome, and as a staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund

MARISSA BOYERS BLUESTINE ’95
Today: Legal Director, Pennsylvania Innocence Project
Getting there: Worked for more than 10 years as an Assistant Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia, and for several years as a litigation associate at Duane Morris

KEVIN TOTH ’98
Today: Executive Vice President, Chief Operations and Strategic Officer of Nelson Brown & Co. in Blue Bell, PA and New York; leads the global business operations for this international insurance law firm and develops the firm’s strategic direction for growth and client service
Getting there: Served in key executive positions for Harleysville Insurance, including senior operating executive for the company’s independent agency operations in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast
Advocacy as a lifelong skill

Lawyering, as all of our respondents agree, is not just about courtroom skills, it’s about being an advocate in all aspects of representation. “The thing that makes Temple’s Trial Advocacy program so excellent is that it teaches skills that are useful for successful advocacy throughout the life of the case,” says Wilmington litigator Catherine Cramer ’13.

“You know why you’re asking a question in a deposition, and you know why you’re asking it a certain way. You know why you’re suggesting this case for a mediation rather than trial,” says Cramer. “You’re looking at the potential evidence and thinking about what you want out, or in, and you know what motion you can file. From the Introduction to Trial Advocacy classes through the Advanced level courses, combined with classes like Advanced Litigation Strategies and Modern Depositions, and of course learning from amazing trial attorneys on the national trial team, at Temple you are able to develop skills that will make you an excellent advocate at every step in the case.”

Moschella knows from two decades of in-house experience how preparing for law school trial competitions translates to advocacy in the broadest sense of the word. “The most valuable skill that I learned in law school was to do what was necessary to achieve excellence. While on the trial team, we practiced days, nights and weekends, at times grinding it out as a team until we felt comfortable that we would be able to perform at our best at an upcoming competition.

“To this day, I do whatever I need to do, no matter how long it takes, to achieve the best outcomes for my company. This skill comes in particularly handy when I am negotiating complex, global agreements with challenging suppliers. People say that the ‘devil is in the details’ and those people would be right.”
Civil rights legend Morris Dees speaks at Dean’s Forum

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014  Legendary trial lawyer Morris Dees, civil rights champion and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, addressed a Dean’s Forum that coincided with the opening of the Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame. Dees’ remarks followed introductory comments by trial attorney Fredric Levin, of Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty, and Proctor.

Speaking to a packed auditorium, Dees noted first that the right to a jury trial in this country preceded even the drafting of the Constitution, and was considered an essential element in the defense against tyranny and the establishment of the rule of law.

He went on to identify what he considers contemporary tyrants: a criminal justice system that imprisons and sometimes executes innocent persons; a corporate culture that elevates profit over people; and predators willing to exploit the disenfranchised. Dees challenged the students in the audience to stand up for the most vulnerable, using an often misquoted passage from Shakespeare’s Henry VI: “If tyranny is to prevail, you must first kill all the lawyers.”

Atticus Finch inspires eminent trial lawyer

OCTOBER 14, 2014  Chilton Davis Varner, senior partner at the Atlanta, GA office of King & Spalding, said that the lessons learned in *To Kill a Mockingbird* serve as a powerful reminder of why she chose a life in the law.

In the 2014 Kolsby Lecture in Trial Advocacy, titled *Reflections on Atticus Finch and Scout: Lessons Learned in the Law*, Varner reflected on passages in Harper Lee’s novel. She said she was inspired by the courage of the central character, Atticus Finch, and real-life lawyers and judges who helped to dismantle racial segregation in the South. Like Finch, Varner said, these men and women “solved problems, even the hard ones,” understanding that advocacy itself has power above and beyond the outcome of a case.

Varner joined the law firm of King & Spalding in 1976 and became the first female partner in the firm’s litigation department and the first female to serve on the firm’s management committee. Varner practices in the firm’s Atlanta, GA office, where she is the senior partner on the product liability team, which *The American Lawyer* has twice recognized as one of the top three such practices in the country. She has been named to the short list of the best female litigators by the *National Law Journal*, *Chambers*, *Law 360* and *Benchmark*. Recently, Best Lawyers named her “Litigator of the Year” in her region. She is also the immediate past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Varner cautioned against one-dimensionality in attorneys, saying the “best lawyers and judges are those who have a life enriched not only by the law, but by enjoyments.” She confessed that as the first woman litigator at her firm, she was exceptionally driven to succeed at her practice and in that pursuit sometimes lost sight of outside interests.

Atticus Finch, she noted, “was not just a lawyer. He was a single father, a champion checkers player, and the best shot in the county.”
National Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame

When the Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame went in search of a physical location to showcase its inductees, the Beasley School of Law at Temple University was a natural choice. Temple has long been known as a training ground for skilled trial lawyers. Among those honored by induction into the Hall of Fame are Temple alumnus and benefactor James E. Beasley ’53 and the Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss ’75, the Executive Director of Temple Law’s Sheller Center for Social Justice.

The Hall of Fame display, which includes oil painted portraits and interactive biographies of the inductees, is located in the lobby of the law school’s main building, Klein Hall. The exhibits act as an inspiring backdrop for receptions, as well as for students who continue to relax and study in the lobby between classes.

The Hall of Fame was established by The National Trial Lawyers Association and Trial Lawyers, Inc. “to honor trial lawyers who have left an indelible mark on the American legal tradition through a lifetime of service to the American public, the Constitution and the American trial bar.” Visitors can see portraits of and hear taped interviews with the 39 Hall of Fame lawyers, including Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Justice Thurgood Marshall, and Clarence Darrow of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice delivers inaugural Kohn Lecture

OCTOBER 10, 2014  In the inaugural Harold E. Kohn Lecture, titled “Regular (Judicial) Order As Equity: The Enduring Value Of The Distinct Judicial Role,” Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Leo E. Strine Jr., made the case for “a judicial mindset that favors regular order over the episodic judicial grant of exemption from required procedural expectation and the need to secure contractual rights at the bargaining table.”

Chief Justice Strine is widely recognized as an authority on matters of corporate law as well as larger questions of governance in complex environments. Before becoming the Chief Justice, he served on the Delaware Court of Chancery as Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. He holds adjunct teaching positions at the University of Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt, and UCLA Schools of Law, where he teaches various classes in corporate law. He is also a senior fellow of the Harvard Program on Corporate Governance, as well as the Austin Wakeman Scott Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School. Chief Justice Strine has served as the special judicial consultant to the ABA’s Committee on Corporate Laws since 2006.

Jonathan Lipson, the Harold E. Kohn Professor of Law, offered introductory remarks. The text of Chief Justice Strine’s speech will be published in an upcoming issue of the Temple Law Review.

The Harold E. Kohn Lectureship

The lecture, presented for the first time this year, is named in honor of Harold E. Kohn, the Philadelphia lawyer who was the architect of the modern-day class action. Kohn “brought many cases to protect ordinary people and their rights against government and big corporations,” remembers former Temple Law dean Professor Robert J. Reinstein. “He was a remarkable man.”

Kohn gained national attention for his innovative civil antitrust practice in the 1960s, successfully suing firms ranging from electronics manufacturers to the timber industry. Kohn also helped to draft some of the federal court rules for class action cases and for the consolidation of cases. Known by many as the “grandfather of class actions,” he also took on cases involving the First Amendment, privacy, zoning and commercial transactions. Kohn was also a member of Temple’s board of trustees and a generous donor to the law school.
Lives in the Balance: Law Professor’s new book examines asylum adjudication

Although Americans generally think that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is focused only on preventing terrorism, one office within that agency has a humanitarian mission. Its Asylum Office adjudicates applications from people fleeing persecution in their homelands.

A new book co-authored by Temple Law Professor JAYA RAMJI-NOGALES, Lives in the Balance, provides a careful empirical analysis of how Homeland Security decided these asylum cases over a recent fourteen-year period.

Ramji-Nogales, along with co-authors Andrew I. Schoenholtz and Philip G. Schrag of Georgetown University Law Center, used a database of 383,000 cases provided to them by the government to better understand the effect on grant rates of a host of factors unrelated to the merits of asylum claims, including the one-year filing deadline, whether applicants entered the U.S. with a visa, whether applicants had dependents, whether they were represented, how many asylum cases their adjudicator had previously decided, and whether or not their adjudicator was a lawyer.

The authors say their recommendations—including repeal of the one-year deadline—would improve the process for “for those whose lives hang in the balance” by reducing the impact of non-merits factors on asylum decisions.

Justice Ginsburg Describes Journey to the Highest Court

September 2013 PROFESSOR MARINA ANGEL recently conducted an in-depth and strikingly candid interview with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The hourlong conversation, featured on Angel’s website, was conducted as part of the Association of American Law School’s section on women in legal education oral history project. As one of the earliest women to teach law, Justice Ginsburg was a founder and early presider of the AALS’ section on women.

Justice Ginsburg tells Angel how she decided on a career in the law during her junior year at Cornell, when the McCarthy hearings exposed her to the idea that “lawyering was something you could do for a living, but it was also something you could do to help people who need it, to make things a little better.” Her family was concerned that she couldn’t make a living when, Justice Ginsburg says, “lady lawyers were not wanted.” Once married, her family relented with the assumption that she would be supported. Ginsburg says she never had a female mentor, in law school, in the judiciary, and “there were precious few women at the bar.” However, a law professor at Columbia, Hans Smith, invited her to write a book on Swedish civil procedure and encouraged her to think about becoming a female law teacher at a time when there were perhaps a dozen across the country. She followed his advice, and was eventually hired with tenure at Columbia in 1972, which Ginsburg calls “the year of the woman.”

She describes the growing presence of women in the judiciary, which she joined in 1980 with an appointment from President Carter. In 1993, President Clinton named her to join Sandra Day O’Connor as the second woman ever to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court. Today, she is joined by Justices Sondra Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. Their joint presence, Justice Ginsburg says, makes it impossible to dismiss women as “shrinking violets,” proudly noting that last year Sotomayor exceeded Justice Scalia in questions during oral arguments.

Professor Angel asks 81-year-old Justice Ginsburg how she stays fit, mentally and physically, having survived two bouts of cancer and the loss of a husband. In addition to a personal trainer, who comes to the Court twice a week, Justice Ginsburg credits the life of the mind. “On the Supreme Court, there are no easy cases,” she tells Angel. “My mind is always engaged and I have no time to think about myself and how I’m getting older.”
October 2014 Litigation Basics PROFESSOR KEN JACOBSEN (center) accompanied his students on a tour of the federal courthouse and the courtroom and chambers of Judge Felipe Restrepo. Students also attended a hearing on a civil discovery dispute and bail in a criminal case, and watched jurors return a guilty verdict in a criminal gun possession prosecution.

September 2014 PROFESSOR ELEANOR MYERS (left) was joined by Hooter and Dean JoAnne Epps when she was honored as Faculty Member of the Game at the Temple vs. Delaware State football game (Temple won 59-0).

October 2014 Temple University PRESIDENT NEIL D. THEOBALD visited with Temple Law and Public Policy Scholars.
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In October, the NFL named former U.S. District Judge **BARBARA S. JONES ’73** to hear and decide the suspension appeal filed by the NFL Players Association on behalf of former Baltimore Ravens player Ray Rice, who was suspended over his domestic abuse case. Jones was a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for 16 years before retiring to work with Federal Arbitration, Inc.

**DANIEL J. SHERRY ’75**, shareholder in the health care department in Marshall Dennehey’s King of Prussia office, was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers at the organization’s recent international meeting.

MacEerie Harvey senior partner **LOUIS N. TETI, JD ’76, LLM IN TAXATION ’81**, received the Door Opener Award from the Chester County Community Foundation. Teti currently serves on the board of the Malvern Preparatory School and of the Foundation at Paoli Hospital, and is on the advisory board of Bishop Shanahan High School.

In May, **JOHN G. THOMAS III ’77** retired from his position as professor of business law and paralegal studies at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA. Following a 1991 retirement from the Army as a JAG Corps Lieutenant Colonel, Thomas spent several years in the Philadelphia area managing a legal office for the State Workmen’s Insurance Fund and as a legal auditor with a private corporation before beginning teaching in 1997.

New Jersey City University’s Council on Hispanic Affairs honored alumnus Judge **JOSE LINARES ’78** at its 30th anniversary in October. Judge Linares is a Federal Court Judge for the District of New Jersey in Newark, the first Hispanic to hold that position and the second foreign-born individual to be a Federal District Court Judge in the state’s history. Born in Havana, Cuba, Judge Linares’ judicial career began when he was appointed to the Essex County Superior Court Bench in 2000 by then Governor Christine Whitman. He was nominated to his current position in 2002 by President Bush.

1980s

**MICHAEL F. DUNN ’80** has been appointed co-chairman of the criminal defense committee of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Dunn practices in Glenside, PA.


**RONALD T. HOSKO ’84** is the new president of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, a non-profit that provides financial support to law enforcement professionals facing duty-related legal challenges. Hosko assumed the position after retiring as assistant director of the FBI’s criminal investigative division.

In September, **KAREN Y. BITAR ’86** joined Seyfarth Shaw as a partner in the firm’s litigation department in New York. Bitar joins Seyfarth from Greenberg Traurig, where she was co-chair of the national securities litigation practice. At Seyfarth, she will co-chair the firm’s white collar, internal investigations and false claims team and will also be a part of the securities and financial litigation practice group.

In October **MICHELE N. SIEKERKA ’89** became president of the Trenton-based New Jersey Business and Industry Association. Siekerka was previously a deputy commissioner of the state’s Department of Environmental Protection and president and CEO of the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce.

1990s

**RANDY J. MANILOFF ’91** was one of only 50 attorneys nationwide inducted into the American Law Institute in October. Maniloff is of counsel at White and Williams, where he maintains a full-time insurance coverage practice and publishes Coverage Opinions: Judicial Opinions Today—Impact On Counsel’s Opinions Tomorrow, a free newsletter.
ANNA MARIE MURPHY '92 was selected to the Delaware County Women’s Commission. Murphy is an attorney at Pileggi & Pileggi in Woodlyn, PA.

HOWARD LIBERMAN ’92 retired this year from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate Generals Corps with the rank of Commandant. Liberman entered the JAG Corps in 1992 and served on active duty until 1997, and in the reserves until retirement. He is a past recipient of the Admiral Hugh Howell Award for Outstanding Judge Advocate. In his civilian practice, Liberman is a partner at Silver Hadden Silver & Levine in Santa Monica, CA where he practices union-side public sector labor law, representing police and fire unions.

HEIDI BOGHOSIAN ’96 delivered the keynote speech, “Surveillance or Self Determination: Can Democracy Exist in the Age of Google, Comcast and the NSA?” at the University of Rhode Island’s annual Diversity Week. Boghosian is the former executive director of the National Lawyers’ Guild and the current executive director of the A. J. Muste Memorial Institute, which advocates for nonviolent social change. She also co-hosts the weekly civil liberties radio show, Law and Disorder.

OCTOBER 2014 Two scholarships were awarded at the annual Black Law Students Association reception held at the home of JOE TUCKER JR. ’89 and ALYCIA HORN ’89. From left: Dean JoAnne Epps, CARL SINGLEY ’72, Alycia Horn ’89, Jasmine Williams (recipient of the Carl E. Singley Scholarship) and Joseph Sengoba (recipient of the Horn-Tucker Scholarship).

2000s

BETH FRIEL ’00 has joined the law international insurance firm of Nelson Brown as vice president for human resources. Friel reports to KEVIN TOM ’98, Nelson Brown’s executive vice president, chief operations and strategic officer, and will work out of Nelson Brown’s suburban Philadelphia and New York City offices. Friel previously served as director of employee relations for Cigna.

JILL SCHULSON ’02 has been promoted to general counsel of the Philadelphia Health Management Counsel, where she was previously corporate counsel. Prior to PHMC Schulson worked at Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippell.

JENNIFER MURO NEUMANN ’03, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama was recently promoted to supervising attorney for the Shelby County Department of Human Resources Law Department, where she continues to practice in the area of child protective services.

Doneene Damon ’92 Selected for Gallery of Success

OCTOBER 2014 Temple Law alumna Doneene Keemer Damon ’92 will represent the law school in Temple University’s Gallery of Success in an exhibit that will be displayed for the upcoming academic year. Every fall, one alumnus is selected from each of the university’s schools and colleges to be honored by inclusion in the Gallery of Success. The honorees are highlighted in the gallery’s showcases, located in Mitten Hall on main campus.

Damon, who holds a B.S. from Saint Joseph’s University and graduated cum laude from Temple Law, is a director and partner with Richards Layton & Finger in Wilmington, DE. Damon’s varied transactional practice includes asset-backed securities, cross-border leasing and project finance transactions, and capital securities, as well as mutual funds, exchange traded funds and private equity funds. She also represents health-care clients in all types of commercial and transactional matters.

Active in the local and national bars, Damon is a member of the editorial board of The Business Lawyer and is the liaison for the business law section to the ABA’s commission on women. She also serves on the boards of the lawyers’ committee for civil rights under law, Christiana Care Health System and Health Services, Wilmington Friends School and the Delaware Community Foundation.
Temple Grads Lead New Associates at Pennsylvania Law Firms

SEPTEMBER 2014 Temple Law School has the largest representation among first-year associates at Pennsylvania law firms, with 27 graduates included in the class, as reported by the Legal Intelligencer. The University of Pennsylvania cohort numbered 20 new associates, followed by 19 from Villanova, 8 from Dickinson, 7 from Rutgers-Camden and Pittsburgh, and 3 from Widener.

Diversity figures rose as well in 2014, from 20.4 percent in 2013 to 26 percent in 2014. Of the Pennsylvania first-year class, 10 percent are black, 6.2 percent are Latino, 3.8 percent are Asian-American and 6.2 percent are identified as another minority group. Women represent 55.4 percent of the class, up 8 percentage points from 2013.

AMY TAYLOR BROOKS ’05 of Wisler Pearlstine presented a seminar entitled “Ethical Issues for Attorneys in the IEP Meeting Process” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 2014 Exceptional Children Conference.

The Lancaster, PA office of McNees Wallace & Nurick has added DENISE E. ELLIOTT ’05 as counsel. Elliott will practice with the firm’s labor and employment group. She previously worked at Kegel Kelin Almy & Lord as a partner and chairwoman of the labor and employment law group.

ROBERT NETTER ’07 was an instructor in a series sponsored by the University of Nebraska Medical Center Postdoctoral Association. A patent attorney who also holds a Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology, Netter discussed opportunities for scientists within the legal community. Netter works at Dann, Dorfman, Herrell, and Skillman, an intellectual property law firm in Philadelphia.

A new book by ABIGAIL PERKISS ’07 recounts the planned integration of West Mt. Airy during the post World War II era. Making Good Neighbors was published by Cornell University Press. Perkiss is an associate professor of history at Kean University in Union, NJ.

TIM RAYNE ’08 has successfully achieved board certification as a civil trial advocate from the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Rayne practices at the personal injury firm of MacElree Harvey in Kennett Square, PA.

2010s

SOPHIA DUFFY ’12 is an assistant professor of business planning at the American College of Financial Services, based in Bryn Mawr, PA. Duffy, who has served as a senior auditor with several Philadelphia healthcare, food service and educational institutions, is a Certified Public Accountant.

WHITNEY L. FRAME ’12 has joined the firm of Manion Gaynor & Manning in their product liability and complex tort practice as an associate based in the firm’s Wilmington, DE office. Prior to joining MG&M, Frame clerked for the New Castle County, DE Court of Common Pleas.

NISHANA WEERASOORIYA ’14 was hired as one of 54 new assistant district attorneys at the Bronx District Attorney’s Office in New York.

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