Connected Minds, Connected Cultures:
A Law Professor’s Quest to Define Global Morality
Dear CUA Law School Community,

One of the intellectual benefits of a life in higher education is having the opportunity to engage in a topic that is truly “big picture,” that considers questions of universal importance to humanity. This rare privilege came to the Columbus School of Law in late March, during a groundbreaking conference that gathered some of the most accomplished minds in the world to consider whether there is a common ethical heritage for the human race.

“A Common Morality for the Global Age — In Gratitude for What We Are Given” was organized and executed by Professor William Wagner, director of Catholic University’s Center for Law, Philosophy and Culture. The topic at hand — Do all cultures and peoples share a basic sense of right and wrong and if so, how can this be brought to bear upon the most pressing world problems? — was suggested in 2004 by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. He is better known today as Pope Benedict XVI. The tale of how the Pope’s expressed wishes were brought to fruition by a distinguished member of our faculty is the cover story of this issue of CUA Lawyer.

Other content is included that I hope will relay a sense of the complexity, energy and achievements of the CUA law community. There is a salute to the drive and dedication of our Board of Visitors, a volunteer group of alumni who devote considerable time and energy to helping the law school reach its fullest potential. We have included a story about a recent alumnus who published a book about his long fight to legally remain in the United States. There is an introduction to four new faculty members who join us for the 2008–2009 academic year and beyond. Also included is a light-hearted look at a part-time faculty member who, in addition to fulfilling his duties as a judge, has launched a promising operatic acting (not singing!) career with local theater groups.

Not long ago, I wrote a letter to all alumni summarizing many of the highlights and accomplishments of this past academic year. To recap just a bit: Our bar examination test scores and national rankings went up; our Web site was effectively redesigned; our students continued to demonstrate their commitment to a better world in the form of selfless volunteerism through our Legal Services Society, the law school’s pro bono organization; our moot court and trial advocacy teams performed extremely well; and our symposia and speaker calendar was perhaps the strongest ever in the law school’s history. Our faculty members continue to achieve national and international distinction as legal scholars and educators.

I believe that the Columbus School of Law will solidify and build upon these trends into the future. We are hard at work enrolling another highly competitive incoming class. Its final contours won’t be known until it is officially seated in August, but we are encouraged by the caliber of the admissions applications that we receive.

Although summer is a period of relative quiet in the building, a much-needed opportunity for faculty, staff and students to recharge for the coming year, we are deep in preparations for a vitally important visit next spring by members of the American Bar Association’s law school accreditation committee. This is a process that most U.S. law schools undergo every few years. Although the actual time spent on site by committee members is brief, there is an enormous amount of planning, data gathering and preparation that precedes their visit. I will, of course, keep you all up to date on that and other developments affecting our law school.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a healthy, restful and relaxing summer.

With best wishes,

Veryl V. Miles
Dean and Professor of Law
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DEAR EDITOR:

I really appreciated the [obituary] piece on Fred Bennett in the 2007 fall-winter issue of CUA Lawyer. I am a 1983 evening graduate and had Fred for my evidence course. There was no mention of his tenure at CUA in the early 80s as an evening professor, and I think that should be clarified in the next issue. He was the ultimate example of the extraordinary experience of having a practicing attorney open our minds to the law. Many were the times when he cited an experience in a case he was handling that was directly on point with an evidentiary concept we were studying. The law school and profession as a whole have lost an exceptional talent.

Ronald F. Bianchi
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We encourage your comments, questions and opinions. Write to us at: Editor, CUA Lawyer, Columbus School of Law: The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064.

Checkin Up on People in Distress

Catholic University Legal Services Society students returned to the Gulf Coast region in May 2008 to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. They found living conditions little improved, with many FEMA trailer park residents facing eviction this year.
Announcing Online Giving…

CUA Law has just inaugurated its online donation program. With this easy-to-use system, you can now navigate to the CUA Law homepage, click the “Contribute to CUA Law” button on the lower right, and make your gift. You will be able to designate your gift to the fund of your choice.

Making an online gift to CUA Law is fast, easy and secure!

Thanks a million!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students who generously contributed nearly $1.2 million to the Columbus School of Law during the 2007–2008 fiscal year. We received a total of 354 new gifts and pledges, totaling over $225,000. Thanks to you, it was another great year for the law school.

Contributions to the Law School Annual Fund totaled more than $610,000 in unrestricted support for scholarships. The average gift amount given through our phonathon calling program nearly doubled this year as compared to fiscal year 2007. Ninety-four first-time donors gave $68,961 to the Annual Fund, thanks in large measure to a generous dollar-for-dollar challenge gift on behalf of Jeffrey R. Moreland, the new chair of the Board of Visitors of the Columbus School of Law.

On behalf of all the students who will benefit from your generosity to CUA Law, we thank you for supporting the law school this year.

Annual gifts to the Columbus School of Law make a tremendous difference for our students. For more information or to make a gift to the Law School Annual Fund, please contact Clare M. McGrath Merkle, annual fund coordinator, at 202-319-4637 or mcgrathmerkl@law.edu.

*Our fiscal year runs May 1–April 30.
A Council’s Counsel:

Law School’s Board of Visitors Helps to Map a Bright Future

By Tom Haederle

Highly successful practitioners all, today’s board members bring a real world perspective to the position that is vital for building the kind of educational foundation that prepares students for what future employers want and expect.
The statement from the podium sounded routine at first. “And now we have an important announcement to share with everyone … ”

Several dozen April 11th Board of Visitor luncheon guests put down their dessert coffees and leaned forward politely, perhaps expecting to be informed of some minor change to the afternoon’s packed schedule of meetings and presentations.

Which made the news that followed all the more exciting and unexpected: Jeff Moreland, Class of 1970, acting chair of the law school’s Board of Visitors Advancement Committee and the next chairman of the BOV, was announcing a $1 million gift in unrestricted funds from him and his wife, Nancy, to the Columbus School of Law. The Moreland family expressed a preference for the money to go toward helping any student who is the son or daughter of a D.C. police officer or firefighter — but beyond that one small stipulation, the funds can be spent where the law school determines it is needed most, be it on scholarships, programs or salaries.

Moreland’s gift, the largest from an individual alumnus in the more than 100-year history of the law school, struck his fellow members of the Board of Visitors like a thunderclap. Rising table by table, they thanked him with a standing ovation.

The family’s ties to the law school run deep. Two of their daughters are graduates of the law school. The couple returned to their native Washington after Jeff’s recent retirement as executive vice president for public affairs with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation. That made the decision about where to bestow the gift a clear call.

“We all have lots of requests for money. I wanted to give where it made the biggest impact,” Moreland explained to his fellow alumni on the BOV. “We as a board can have a big impact upon the law school over the next five years if we support it, promote it and act in its best interests.”

Turnaround

The hope is that the dramatic news of the Moreland family’s stunningly generous gift will be a harbinger of things to come. Not just for increased financial support from alumni but also for a vigorous new role for the Board of Visitors itself. Reorganized and re-energized over the past two years, due in large part to the efforts of Dean Veryl Miles and Brad Bodager, until recently the executive director of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the 55-member board has seen a third of its membership turn over from 2007 to 2008. Many younger alumni have joined to lend their new ideas, energy and enthusiasm in furtherance of the fortunes of the Columbus School of Law.

Highly successful practitioners all, today’s board members bring a real world perspective to the position that is vital for building the kind of educational foundation that prepares students for what future employers want and expect. Some new members, such as J. Israel Balderas, 2006, offer the board and the law school an unusual blend of professional points of view. After taking a time out to earn his J.D., Balderas returned to a distinguished career in broadcast journalism and is currently the morning news anchor for KFOX-TV in El Paso, Texas.

Adviser, counselor, sounding board and devil’s advocate — BOV members may play all of these roles at times. Many organizations feature someone, or a group of people, whose function is to give unvarnished feedback to the top decision maker. The idea is to offer the ranking administrator a sense of what is working and what may need improvement to keep the ship sailing straight. The feedback may even sound like tough love at times, but it is prompted by genuine affection, says Robert B. Budelman Jr.,1962. “I am so appreciative of the legal education I received that I welcome the opportunity to give something back to the law school. Sometimes you’ve got a precious jewel that other people don’t see.”

“America’s Premier Catholic Law School”

The first iteration of what was named the Board of Visitors met on Oct. 3, 1998, at the invitation of then Dean Bernard Dobranski, more than 50 men and women gathered for an all-day meeting at the Columbus School of Law to take stock of the present and plan for the future.

The membership was composed of law school alumni chosen for their demonstrated leadership qualities and their strong knowledge and interest in the fortunes of their law alma mater.
“Their most valuable resource is their time and attention,” says Dean Veryl V. Miles.

At its first meeting, board members were briefed on the state of the school and asked to consider a prospectus titled “New Directions and New Financial Resources for Legal Education in the 21st Century.” Part critique, part analysis and part road map, the document laid out six goals that, once successfully attained, would help make the Columbus School of Law “America’s premier Catholic law school,” in the words of Dobranski.

The goals included attracting a strong and diverse student body, investing in faculty excellence, keeping the curriculum relevant to a changing legal system, keeping technology current and finding new ways to serve the surrounding Washington, D.C., community.

The plan was ambitious. Board members understood that stating needs was the easy part, but helping to find the financial resources to pay for them was the real key and one that required strategy, patience and persistence.

Ten years later, progress has been made on several fronts outlined in the 1998 prospectus. However, shifting demographics and the competitive nature of higher education make administrators and their advisory boards leery of checking off any action item as achieved. There is always more to do, another goal to strive toward and something else that can be improved upon.

“Those in the legal community who have contact with our graduates typically have high praise for them,” remarks Hon. Marcus D. Williams, 1977. A member of the BOV since its founding, Williams says his service on the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia has given him a reliable fix on how the legal community views the Columbus School of Law. “We need to do a better job of letting others know about the high quality of our institution. I can tell you that at our Board of Visitors meetings we are always discussing how to improve the school’s academic standing, its reputation and financial state.”

The group’s unflagging support of the law school and its students shows no sign of diminishing. Since the BOV’s first meeting 10 years ago, 30 of the 49 original members continue to serve today.

Committed Time and Effort

Invited members of the BOV are asked to serve a minimum of one three-year term, though some of its members wind up serving for many more. As spelled out in its original mission statement, the board’s main responsibilities are three-fold: to provide counsel and assistance to the dean; to address the concerns of alumni, students, faculty, parents and friends; and to work to increase the financial resources of the law school.

Each member is expected to attend annual meetings and serve on committees, to “act as an ambassador of the Columbus Law School with friends and colleagues” and as called upon, to consider special assignments from the dean for the good of the law school.

It is a form of volunteerism that can place considerable demands upon the time and energy of people who already work very hard for a living.

“Our most valuable resource is their time and attention,” says law school Dean Veryl V. Miles. “If the law school is relevant to them and a priority,
the first threshold is: Do they have the time?” The fact that so many CUA law alumni — some of them decades removed from their own years as a law student — have chosen to serve on the BOV since its inception speaks volumes about the depth of affection and esteem that graduates feel for their law school.

**A Finger on the Pulse**

Taking into account some recent structural improvements to help the board operate more efficiently, the last two meetings of the group — on Oct. 26, 2007, and April 11, 2008 — provides good insight into how the board collects information about the law school and what it does with what it has learned.

Board of Visitors meetings typically last all day. Mornings are devoted to orientation for new members, and verbal reports are offered by the chairs of two newly created entities: the Advancement Committee and the Career and Professional Development Committee. Orientation is designed to give the latest members an overall understanding of the law school’s strengths, challenges and finances. There is usually time to ask questions of the dean and senior administrators.

The afternoon session brings the entire board together as a group. At the April 2008 meeting, members were welcomed by the chair, Michael F. Curtin, 1965. His tenure as the group’s leader concluded with that meeting, a fitting capstone to a selfless record of personal service and volunteerism to the law school that spans more than 40 years.

What’s in a Name?

The Board of Visitors realizes that it carries a somewhat ambiguous name. What, after all, is a “visitor”? In fact, the term is in fairly wide use in higher education. It describes a group of practitioners who offer advice and guidance to an institution and its leaders. Although people are used to seeing words like “trustees” or “regents” in conjunction with the term “board,” those descriptions do not apply to the law school’s volunteer counselors. The important difference is that the Board of Visitors has no fiduciary responsibilities or obligations to the law school.

The committee chairs then offer their reports to the entire body, followed by a comprehensive update on the state of the law school from the dean. Assistant deans and other senior staff members are on hand to answer in-depth questions about subjects such as financial aid and scholarships, alumni relations, admissions and recruiting plans, public relations strategies and other matters.

Members do not shy away from asking probing questions. They may drill into subjects that cause consternation to legal educators everywhere, such as the influence that the *U.S. News & World Report* annual graduate school rankings exert on public perception. Such exchanges are fruitful and necessary. Board members come away with an enhanced understanding of law school strategies, and school administrators gain new knowledge about how to better meet the needs of the legal marketplace.

**Michael F. Curtin Pro Bono Award**

Michael F. Curtin has been an extraordinary advocate on behalf of his law school, but also for many other causes, such as Catholic Charities, the Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps, of which he is a founder, and So Others Might Eat, a nonprofit that exists to help the poor and homeless in Washington, D.C. In honor of his unparalleled record of pro bono service, the law school in 2008 inaugurated the first annual Michael F. Curtin Pro Bono Award at its commencement ceremony on May 23, 2008.

The Michael F. Curtin Pro Bono Award recognizes a law student who has honored the highest ideals of the Columbus School of Law by voluntary pro bono service to others. Its first recipient was Niknaz (Niki) Moghbeli, 2008, in recognition of her service as the pro bono chair of the Legal Services Society during her second year of law school. Moghbeli was inspired to organize the law school’s first post-Hurricane Katrina relief trip to Biloxi, Miss., in 2007. She conceived the idea, planned and organized the relief effort and helped to raise funds for the trip. Along with her classmates, she spent nearly two weeks along the gulf shore working to secure financial assistance and economic justice for the devastated victims of the historic storm.
Mapping the Future

“We’re at a stage where scholarships or endowments for chairs are pretty important to the future of the law school,” says Anne M. Donohue, 1998, one of the board’s newest members. “Getting that message out to the communities that we interact with in our personal and professional lives is important. They use the term ‘ambassador’ to describe us, and that seems to resonate with most of the board.”

New fundraising initiatives are a part of a more sweeping plan for the future. Although the largest alumni chapter of the Columbus School of Law is that of Greater Washington, D.C., active chapters exist throughout the Northeast and on the West Coast. The law school’s Office of Development and Alumni Relations intends to help new and existing chapters to become more robust and organized to attract higher numbers of young alumni to their ranks.

At the same time, the membership of the Board of Visitors itself has become more diverse and representative of the entire alumni body. It now reflects a greater range of age, class year, gender, ethnic background and practice area. With the diversity comes a wider pool of professional expertise. The board, which met for years as a committee of the whole, has recently formed a number of transitional subcommittees to allow members to contribute their knowledge within a smaller group. The more dynamic, realistic and nimble model allows fewer people to make an impact while still reporting back to a central committee.

In the end, the approach embraced by the Columbus School of Law’s Board of Visitors and its dean is intended to keep alumni connected to their law school. That link can take many forms, such as financial support, volunteerism, moot court coaching or the contribution of professional knowledge. “Part of the reason for my gift was to provide other alumni an incentive to give money,” states Jeff Moreland. The law school would like to begin strategic planning for an ultimate advancement campaign, but administrators know that its message must resonate across generations and reach all of the school’s diverse body of alumni.

“We have 10,000 people in the pool and we’re trying to find ways to engage them,” says Dean Miles. “They don’t all receive the message the same way. To facilitate that, we need their anecdotal and practical advice. We really have tremendous resources within our alumni body that we’re discovering every day.”
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January 30 — The approval of risky loans to people with poor credit profiles is just one part of the perfect storm of economic factors that led to the alarming meltdown in the country’s sub-prime lending markets, said a Fannie Mae expert. Invited to speak by the law school’s Securities Law Program and the Securities Law Students Association, Ramon de Castro, senior vice president for capital markets-mortgages with the Federal National Mortgage Association, blamed bankers, investment houses, securities traders and other major players for “over-engineering” financial markets, without enough underlying capital to back up their transactions. The resulting credit crunch and devalued home prices nationwide are the result of these and other new and unique factors. Said de Castro, “Politicians are trying to stay ahead of this, and are trying to prevent the crisis from becoming a full-fledged meltdown.”

March 10 — The 27 member nations and 500 million citizens that comprise the European Union share profound common interests with the United States. Yet it is a strained marriage at times, especially over the containment of terrorism, acknowledged Ambassador John Bruton, the head of delegation of the European Commission to the United States. Invited to give the Brendan F. Brown Distinguished Lecture at the Columbus School of Law by the Military and National Security Law Students Association, Bruton said that the powerful confederation of European nations is willing to work with the United States on most things, but not against its own self interest. Regarding terrorism, many European governments resent being pushed by the United States for sensitive intelligence on private individuals, data that is confidential under EU law. “We’re not going to break our rules for America or anyone else,” said Bruton. “We won’t breach the EU Constitution on privacy issues.”

March 13 — “Everyone with a cell phone is a reporter today,” said Lawrence Norton, a former general counsel to the Federal Election Commission. That fact of life has changed the game forever for political candidates, who have good reason to see any public appearance as a minefield, where bloopers, blunders and misstatements are passed from cell phone to cell phone, or posted to Internet sites such as YouTube to be reviewed endlessly, impacting voters’ decisions. “The 2008 ‘YouTube’ Election?: The Role and Influence of 21st Century Media” brought together nearly two dozen leaders from industry, academia and government to examine the challenges and opportunities presented by today’s light-speed communications systems. The event was sponsored by Commlaw Conspectus: Journal of Communications Law and Policy and the Institute for Communications Law Studies in association with the Federal Communications Bar Association. While the ultimate impact of these changes upon elections remains to be seen, experts believe there is no going back to the old ways.
May 8 — After a fire gutted her home of 40 years in 2004, Washington, D.C., resident Jean Payne spent years living with her daughter, without a roof to call her own. A contractor hired to renovate the home botched the job and left the dwelling uninhabitable. Enter Melody Eaton, an exceptionally dedicated third-year general practice student with Catholic University's Columbus Community Legal Services. Eaton took on Payne's case pro bono and spent countless hours pursuing legal remedies. She filed suit against the contractor, drafted pleadings, researched the law, prepared for a deposition and presented the case in court. Eaton won judgments of more than $150,000 on Payne's behalf. She also coordinated donated assistance from volunteers and nonprofit organizations. Eventually the home was repaired correctly. In May 2008, with her supporters, friends and family looking on, Jean Payne cut a ceremonial ribbon and stepped across the threshold to behold her “Miracle House,” returned to her through a Catholic University law student’s extraordinary advocacy.

March 14 — She made history as America’s first female member of the United States Supreme Court. But Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s body of jurisprudence, especially in the areas of race and education, will have just as deep and lasting an impact upon society as her groundbreaking appointment did, according to experts. With Justice O’Connor in attendance, the Catholic University Law Review sponsored a two-hour panel that brought together legal experts to assess the groundbreaking jurist’s contributions to American life and law. Among other decisions, participants examined the profound legal repercussions from two cases for which O’Connor is perhaps best known. In Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger, O’Connor’s opinions helped to redraw the permissible boundaries of affirmative action in higher education. Speakers included General William K. Suter, clerk of the United States Supreme Court, and Jonathan R. Alger, who coordinated Michigan’s legal efforts in the two affirmative action cases.

April 3 — Forty years have passed since his assassination, and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King must be kept alive for later generations. “It is up to us to pass it on, to impart the meaning and moral lessons drawn from his life and death,” said Dean Veryl V. Miles, who conceived “A Teach-in: Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King’s Legacy.” The daylong symposium was intended to educate young people about the history of the civil rights movement in the United States and King’s contributions to it. Learning from the films and panel discussions were local 7th- and 8th-grade students, who also heard first-hand recollections of April 4, 1968, from local television news anchor Jim Vance and Commissioner Ike Fulwood, the former D.C. police chief and a patrolman when parts of Washington began to burn in the days following King’s assassination. Law school faculty, alumni and students also joined in the discussion.

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Setting an Unforgettable Example of Selflessness

May 8 — After a fire gutted her home of 40 years in 2004, Washington, D.C., resident Jean Payne spent years living with her daughter, without a roof to call her own. A contractor hired to renovate the home botched the job and left the dwelling uninhabitable. Enter Melody Eaton, an exceptionally dedicated third-year general practice student with Catholic University’s Columbus Community Legal Services. Eaton took on Payne’s case pro bono and spent countless hours pursuing legal remedies. She filed suit against the contractor, drafted pleadings, researched the law, prepared for a deposition and presented the case in court. Eaton won judgments of more than $150,000 on Payne’s behalf. She also coordinated donated assistance from volunteers and nonprofit organizations. Eventually the home was repaired correctly. In May 2008, with her supporters, friends and family looking on, Jean Payne cut a ceremonial ribbon and stepped across the threshold to behold her “Miracle House,” returned to her through a Catholic University law student’s extraordinary advocacy.
SCHOLARS WHO BELIEVE

A CUA law professor accepts the Pope's invitation for a global dialogue
During his historic five-day swing through Washington and New York in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI may have been the most sought-after human being in the country. Millions of Americans, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, followed his activities on television. Hundreds of thousands were thrilled to see him in person at two enormous baseball stadium Masses and along crowded motorcade routes. A few hundred people, at most, were able catch an up-close glimpse of the Pope at dinners, prayer services and other official functions that he attended.

But only a very small group of people received the most coveted honor of all: the chance to meet and speak with the Pontiff one-on-one, and have a real, albeit short conversation. Catholic University Law School Professor William Wagner easily made the cut.

In fact, the Pope made a point of greeting and warmly thanking the distinguished legal scholar who, less than three weeks earlier, had succeeded magnificently in organizing and executing an unprecedented conversation between some of the most brilliant and creative minds in the world, all focused on a question of transcendent importance to the Pope and to the Church: Is there such a thing as a global morality common to all people, and if so, how can it be brought to bear on solving the world’s most pressing problems?

Contributing to the search for an answer, Professor Wagner envisioned “A Common Morality for the Global Age: In Gratitude for What We are Given,” a symposium held March 27 to 30, 2008, on the campus of Catholic University.
Forty-five panelists, speakers and respondents, associated with some of the finest universities in the world, elevated the four-day dialogue into a discourse of intellectual, legal and theological gravity and beauty.

Princeton University’s Robert George, for example, delivered a paper on “Natural Law, God, and Human Rights.” Other noted speakers included Stanley Hauerwas of Duke University, author of a work on Christian social ethics that was named one of the 100 most important books on religion in the 20th century; Paul Vitz of New York University, who has written several books on the relationship of Christianity and psychology; and Jean Bethke Elshtain of the University of Chicago, a prolific author on the connections between political and ethical convictions.

By its conclusion, symposium participants were in general consensus that on the foremost question — do humans across all cultures respond to a common ethical knowledge — the answer was profoundly affirmative, provided that such knowledge was rooted in an acknowledgment of the Divine.

As the Rev. John Polkinghorne, a leading particle physicist and the president emeritus of Cambridge University’s Queens’ College stated during the symposium’s opening conversation, “Where does our moral knowledge come from? It comes from intimations of the good and perfect world of our creator. Religious belief makes intelligible where these moral intuitions come from.”

The ground-breaking conference and the world-sized concepts it was tasked to wrestle with was nearly four years in the making. In October 2004, before his elevation to the papacy, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then prefect of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, wrote to CUA president Very Rev. David M. O’Connell asking the university to consider hosting a major symposium on universally held moral principles and to invite scholars of different religions and outlooks to participate. It laid out the case for such a gathering:

“The Catholic Church has become increasingly concerned by the contemporary difficulty in finding a common denominator among the moral principles held by all people, which are based on the constitution of the human person and which function as the fundamental criteria for laws affecting the rights and duties of all,” the letter stated.

“The recognition of such moral truths has also constituted a starting point for the Church's dialogue with the world. [We] would be grateful if The Catholic University of America would consider hosting a symposium on some aspect of this question.”

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Father O’Connell was happy to accept the charge, agreeing that Catholic University was the natural choice to host such a forum. After giving the matter some thought, he invited law school Professor William Wager to coffee one morning and asked him to take the lead in turning the Vatican’s ambitious idea into a reality.

Laying the Groundwork

For his part, Wagner viewed the opportunity to respond to Pope Benedict’s invitation as the chance of a lifetime. Organizing and hosting such a high-profile gathering would better illuminate the university, the law school and the Center for Law, Philosophy and Culture in the Papal spotlight. Equally important, though, was that the scale of the topic itself represented the culmination of many years of work inside and outside of the classroom. The big questions that Wagner had devoted much creativity to exploring in different social contexts — “As options unfold, to ask, are these allowable options? If the option is allowable, may it actually be required of us? Is it right to do these things? When does our situation even oblige us to act in this way? Where is the moral insight that is sufficient for confronting an evolving situation?” — were now being handed to him as a sort of professional portfolio, with the blessing of no less than the Vicar of Christ.

“A clarion call came from the Pope that invited us to think together. He was inviting a conversation with the academy,” said Wagner. “He was reaching out to people of goodwill, who share reason and have everything in common on this earth with regard to our basic human needs, to join in a conversation.”

As director of Catholic University’s Center for Law, Philosophy and Culture, Professor Wagner already had an established track record of professional interest and expertise in similar subjects.

The center describes its mission as “Aiming to contribute to the fields of jurisprudence, the philosophy of law and Christian political and social ethics by advancing theoretical understandings of law’s relation to human culture and the human good... Through its conferences and lecture series, it coordinates academic cooperation between scholars of law and adjunct disciplines such as philosophy, theology, history, literature, the arts and politics.”

Since 1999, the center, under its earlier incarnation as the theoretical branch of the law school’s Interdisciplinary Program on Law and Religion, has demonstrated its breadth and depth by hosting symposia and colloquia that span a fascinating range of issues, all linked by the question of the law’s role in fostering the renewal and transformation of culture and the human good... Over the years, the scholars invited by the center to speak at Catholic University have investigated subjects such as “Death, Dying and Burial: Approaches in Religious Law and Practice”; “The Morality of the Death Penalty: The Challenge for Law, Society and Religion”; “The Stem Cell Debate in the United States of America and Federal Republic of Germany”; and “Steven D. Smith’s Law’s Quandary: The Perplexity is Metaphysical.”

Wagner’s history of comprehensive exploration into law’s relationship to human culture provided the ideal background for him to undertake the organization of the “Common Morality for the Global Age” symposium.

“With unqualified enthusiasm, Professor Wagner accepted my offer to organize this incredible gathering of scholars from all over the world to address a topic that is both timely and timeless,” said Father O’Connell to participants on opening night. “His efforts to assemble this symposium have been far and above the call of duty.”
Deciding who to invite to contribute to that conversation was a lengthy, exacting and thorough process. Familiar either personally or by reputation with many of the world’s leading thinkers in the fields of law, religion, ethics, theology and related disciplines, Wagner was keen to bring to the “Common Morality” symposium scholars who were equipped to advance the idea first put forth by Pope John Paul II, who remarked that “prior to any and all particular philosophical systems,” human beings, when they seek to do the right thing, depend upon “a body of knowledge which may be judged a kind of spiritual heritage of humanity.”

In the words of Father O’Connell, the symposium was seeking the participation of “scholars who believe.” A starting point for the four-day discussion could be found in C.S. Lewis’ Abolition of Man, in which he wrote “Everything is given to us when we start. And that calls for moral responsibility in our response.”

The idea struck Wagner as the perfect preamble to a far broader discussion. “I was delighted to see that as a central theme in the Pope’s writings, and that is in the core of our structured conference,” he said.

Far from excluding non-Catholics from contributing to the discussion, the symposium’s theme was an inclusive one. About half of the speakers represented different faiths. The objective was a dialogue across national and religious boundaries, combining a Christian sponsorship with a broader universality that would allow for a common conversation on such root moral questions as the stewardship of the earth and humanitarian response to international conflict.

TAKING SHAPE

The long stretch of time between the receipt of Pope Benedict’s letter in 2004 and the actual hosting of the symposium in 2008 proved invaluable to making the event a success. Professor Wagner identified potential participants and issued invitations. He had a budget to manage and innumerable logistical details to oversee.

“The people that I asked to speak almost all said yes,” he noted gratefully. “These are people who can command high honoraria given their reputations but they did not premise their participation in this conference on our meeting that particular standard. The impulse that was in the Pope’s letter was already at work in all of the people I invited.”

Due to its unusual size and duration, “A Common Morality for the Global Age” was located in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center, adjacent to the Columbus School of Law. University staff members and student volunteers assisted with the project, compiling biographical information about the speakers and helping to assemble many kinds of promotional and conference-related materials. The campus’ computer support office arranged to Web-cast the entire proceeding start to finish.

As the plan took shape, a buzz began to grow in Catholic circles. Whispers in the Loggia, a blog about Catholic issues, offered a preview in early January:

“High on the Pope’s radar screen is said to be a Washington conference on “A Common Morality for the Global Age” that’s been arranged at his personal request. Three years in the planning, an international A-list of academics and other experts are slated to attend the four-day symposium in late March at the capital’s Catholic University of America … the pontiff — who’ll be spending a day on the university’s campus two weeks later — is reportedly keen to get a full briefing on the proceedings.”

Links to the conference were posted on numerous Catholic blogs and Web sites around the country. They also showed up on some university Web sites, such as Villanova’s, that the participants were affiliated with.

THE OPENING CONVERSATION

Eventually, the grand plans were completed. Speaker’s panels were set. Topics, address titles and times were finalized. Hotel arrangements were made for the many out-of-town attendees and countless other details were settled. On
Thursday evening, March 27, 2008, “A Common Morality for the Global Age” began on an auspicious note with a letter received that very morning from the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal William Levada, read to the assembly by Father O’Connell.

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Cardinal Scola’s keynote address, “The Light of Moral Insight,” traced the development of a common body of ethical and moral knowledge to earliest childhood. The early experience of unconditional love and goodness, said the cardinal, is the foundation for each person’s elementary moral experience.

“It is by virtue of the recognition he has received that the child entertains relations of trust with the world and with other subjects, that the child is made capable of positive stable relationships, relations of communion with others and with all reality,” he said.

Over the ensuing days and sessions, dozens of speakers from different faiths, viewpoints and academic disciplines came at the notion of a common global morality from many different angles. Probing, questioning and at times respectfully disagreeing with each other, the speakers, respondents and panelists — scholars who believe — succeeded in directing a powerful new beam of understanding around the complex and critically important question of whether humanity can live together bound by a shared sense of right and wrong.

The dialogue deeply impressed attendees such as Elizabeth Schiltz, who posted her review on the Web site Mirror of Justice:

“I want to echo the praise of the incredible conference organized by Bill Wagner’s Center for Law, Philosophy and Culture at Catholic University last week. I am still reeling from the experience of hearing, seeing, and learning from so many of the brilliant writers and theologians whose work I’ve been reading for years now, all addressing different aspects of one of our central questions, is there a “common morality”, is there a language or mode of thought in which persons of different or no faiths can even argue about fundamental issues of morality?

These papers will be an extraordinary resource, but if you have some time, do yourself a huge favor and make some time to watch some of those talks. This was really an incredible conference.”

Surveying what he had wrought, Wagner summed up the hopes of all of the participants this way, “Perhaps we will find that the papers presented here include ideas and concepts that travel; that can be available to people and concretely help in solving some of these pressing practical problems that we have.”

That is certainly the hope of the leaders of the Catholic Church. Referring to Pope Benedict’s impending visit during his concluding remarks near the symposium’s end, Father O’Connell said he had no doubt that the Pontiff would be pleased.

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The collected papers and proceedings of “A Common Morality for the Global Age: In Gratitude for What We Are Given” will be published in Catholic University’s Journal of Law, Philosophy and Culture.

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The Light of Moral Insight

Hadley Arkes
Amherst College
Plenary Address
The Natural Law, the Laws of Reason, and the Distractions of History

Mahmoud Ayoub
Temple University
Plenary Address
Enjoining the Good and Dissuading from Evil: Social Morality of the Qur’an

Nicholas Boyle
Cambridge University
Plenary Address
God, Sex and America: Decline of the Common Morality

Jean Bethke Elshtain
University of Chicago
Plenary Address
Can War Be an Instrument of Justice?

Rabbi Barry Freundel
Baltimore Hebrew University
Plenary Address
Narrative Theme in Judaism: God’s Gift and Mindfulness of Ethical Duty as Response

Robert George
Princeton University
Plenary Address
Natural Law, God and Human Rights

Kevin Hart
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Plenary Address
The Sacred Text and Ethical Consciousness

Stanley Hauerwas
Duke University
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Why a Common Morality Cannot Produce Good Character
AN INVITATION TO REASON

Thomas Hibbs
Baylor University
Plenary Address
Creation, Gratitude and Virtue in Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Brian Johnstone, C.Ss.R.
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Plenary Address
Christian Faith in Redemption, Source of Moral Attitude

Livia Kohn
Boston University
Plenary Address
Being at One with Heaven and Earth: The Ethical Integration of Self, Society and Nature in Daoism

Bradley Lewis
The Catholic University of America
Plenary Address
Rights Theory and Practice: Ancient and Modern

Gilbert Meilaender
Valparaiso University
Plenary Address
Respect for Human Dignity as a Fundamental Aspect of Moral Responsibility

Francis Oakley
Williams College
Plenary Address
Natural Law in Medieval and Early-Modern Europe: Seismic Activity and Shifting Foundations

Rev. John Polkinghorne
University of Cambridge
Opening Conversation
Avenues of Symposium Reflection
The Christian Belief in Creation and the Attitude of Moral Accountability

Jean Porter
University of Notre Dame
Plenary Address
Natural Right, Authority, and Power: The Theological Trajectory of Human Rights

Michael Sandel
Harvard University
Plenary Address
Mastery, Hubris and Gift: Biotechnology and the Human Good

Kenneth Schmitz
University of Toronto
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The Capacity for Moral Insight as Cultural Asset

Rev. William Schweiker
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Plenary Address
Accepting and Assigning Responsibilities for Problems of International Environmental Harms

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United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. offered a unique parting insight to the Columbus School of Law’s newest graduates on May 23: America’s most cherished document — the Constitution of the United States — is also handy as a general roadmap to life.

As commencement speaker for the Columbus School of Law’s graduating Class of 2008, the high court’s most recent member observed that the “best Constitution the world has ever seen” is also one of the briefest at a mere 4,600 words. And that, said Justice Alito, is because the Founding Fathers understood what really mattered.

“It is useful to go through the mental process that the framers used to draft the Constitution. And that is to identify what is essential and permanent in our lives and to keep those things in mind,” said Alito to the 272 class members who received their juris doctor degrees during the two-hour ceremony held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. “This is important because the things that call out most loudly for our attention on a daily basis are not necessarily the things that are most important, the things that matter the most in the long run.”
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Appointed to the Supreme Court in 2006 by President George W. Bush, Justice Alito continued the metaphor for the students, remarking that the Founding Fathers’ willingness to trust in human decency, and their refusal to attempt to micromanage national affairs via the Constitution, displayed an optimism that is also essential for a successful approach to life.

“As you graduates leave here today, I hope that you have this optimism and this openness to change because we live in a time of great change whether we like it or not, a time of change for our country and for our world and for the way in which we live our lives on a daily basis and surely for the legal profession,” he said. Justice Alito was awarded the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by Catholic University prior to his commencement speech.

Catholic University’s president, Very Rev. David M. O’Connell, also offered advice, insight and well-earned praise during the law school’s 119th annual commencement, held during a perfect spring day under sunny skies and gentle breezes.

“Your intentions must be honorable. Your integrity must be beyond reproach. Your authenticity must shine before others. Why? Because that is what the Lord asks of you. That is his vision and his view of the person, of the Christian, of the lawyer that you are and must be,” said O’Connell.

The address on behalf of the graduates was given by Katherine Acuff, after an introduction by outgoing Student Bar Association President Sean Murphy.

On a picture-perfect spring day, nearly 300 graduates in the Class of 2008 were ushered into the next phase of their lives with encouraging words from their dean and their commencement speaker.
Reminding class members that “you have experienced it all” during the past three years, Dean Veryl V. Miles listed many of the highlights in the building since their law school careers began in 2005. Among them:

- A moving plea for Middle East peace from the King Abdullah II of Jordan.
- An appeal for commitment to public service from former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele.
- An explanation of the crisis in Darfur, Sudan, from the U.S. special envoy to that nation.
- An assessment of civil rights progress in the United States from EEOC Chair Naomi Churchill Earp.
- A visit to Catholic University from Pope Benedict XVI in April 2008.

Dean Miles also lauded the students’ demonstrated commitment to service to others, partly embodied by the creation of the Legal Services Society and its maiden pro bono trips to the Gulf Coast in 2007 and 2008 to assist the victims of the lingering damage of Hurricane Katrina.

“I mean this from the bottom of my heart. I will miss you in the fall. We’re all going to miss you,” she said.
Graduating Students Rise to the Challenge

Once again members of the graduating class have made gifts and pledges to the law school programs of their choice as part of the Graduation Class Gift Program. This year, in recognition of the 30th anniversary of her own graduation from law school, and in hopes of motivating more graduates to get in the habit of giving back to the law school each year, CSL alumna and member of the Board of Visitors Nell Hennessy, 1978, challenged the Class of 2008 in the name of the Class of 1978 to reach at least 50 percent participation in their Graduation Class Gift. As an incentive, she pledged to contribute $10,000 if the class reached its 50 percent goal. The Class of 2008 rose to the challenge with more than 75 percent of students making a gift or pledge. Their commitments, combined with the challenge gift, will result in more than $71,839 for various law school programs over the next five years and will set a new record for both participation and dollars raised for a Graduation Class Gift.

We extend our thanks to Nell Hennessy and the Class of 1978 for leading by example and also to the Graduation Class Gift Leadership Committee (left) for their hard work and dedication to making their class gift such a success. Below is a listing of those individuals who have made a special commitment to the Columbus School of Law in celebration of their graduation.

On behalf of the entire law school community, we thank you and wish you every success and happiness!

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*David Astin
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Robert Bacon
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Anita Bhattia
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Sherry Brett-Major
Molly Brottmiller
Holly Brownley
Brody Burks
William P. Cannon
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Edward L. Cardona
Joseph Carlson
Christina Caron
*Cecilia Celeiro
*Blessing V. Chimwanda
Courtney Christman
Lauren Christoper
Leigh Coakley
Carrie Collier-Brown
Nancy Conneely
*Ann Marie Conners
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Audrey Corso
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*Tara Cottrill
Catherine Coughlin
Daniel Creel
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Drew Derco
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Andrew Donnelly
William Donovan
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Karen Duquette
Paul Durand
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John Durkalski
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Sean Gard
Scott Gavin
Susan Gibson
Susan Golldar
Megan Green
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Jessica Gropple
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Adam Hall
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Joseph Hansen
Keisha Hargo
Ted J. Harries
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Kristine Heuwinkel
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*Kathleen Reardon
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The wave of mortgage foreclosures in 2008 has reminded Americans of the dreaded prospect of what it means to lose a home. Imagine what it feels like when your home is an entire nation, pushing and prodding you out the door toward a threatening future.

For years, the looming threat of deportation was a daily reality for David “Jeff” Ngaruri Kenney, 2007. The Kenyan-born former CUA law student spent years fighting an unwilling return to his homeland, tied up by a nightmarish tangle of bureaucratic red tape, indifferent immigration judges and Orwellian logic that nearly sent him home to face possible execution.

His first-person narrative is thoroughly and, at times, depressingly documented in the book, Asylum Denied: A Refugee’s Struggle for Safety in America, published by the University of California Press in March 2008. Co-written with Georgetown Law Center Professor Philip G. Schrag, the book depicts the flaws and corruption at the heart of the U.S. asylum process.

Kenney fled Kenya in 1995 after being arrested and nearly executed for leading a peaceful protest against the government’s treatment of his fellow tea farmers.

“I’m not one of those immigrants who woke up in his own country and said, ‘I want a better life, I’m going to go to America.’ The idea was to have a good life in Kenya. If the government and I hadn’t disagreed, I would never even have dreamed of coming to America,” said Kenney.

In police custody, Kenney was tortured before managing to escape to the United States. Upon reaching its shores, however, instead of safety and freedom, he was plunged into an incomprehensible and hostile immigration system.

As recounted in the book, the Department of Homeland Security and federal immigration courts employ a system that is disquietingly random. Applicants are victims of “refugee roulette,” their fates largely dependent on the sympathies of the government officials who hear their cases. Like most asylum seekers, Kenney couldn’t afford the right lawyer to navigate the labyrinthine process where legal fees can sometimes top a million dollars. Unlike most political refugees, however, Kenney eventually got extraordinarily lucky.

It occurred to him to apply for admission to the Georgetown Law
Center to quickly master the legal skills to represent himself. One of its deans responded with a gentle reality check, instead directing Kenney to Georgetown’s immigration law clinic.

There, he was introduced to his eventual co-author Professor Philip Schrag, who took up his cause and became a tireless pro bono advocate on Kenney’s behalf. Together, they spent countless hours filing papers, attending hearings and arguing his case before stone-faced judges.

As it happened, Schrag’s wife is CUA law professor Lisa Lerman, then director of the school’s Law and Public Policy Program. She encouraged Kenney to apply to the program. He was accepted and enrolled in the Columbus School of Law, where he later met his wife, Melissa Kenney, 2007. For the first time, the Kenyan asylum seeker had allies in his fight to remain in America, but the tide still didn’t turn overnight.

Melissa Ngaruri Kenney recalled “I remember the 4th Circuit appeals hearing in January 2004, when the immigration judges were first hearing Phil. And I just remember looking at their faces, particularly one judge who had the strongest look of disgust on his face I’d ever seen. I just knew they weren’t going to let him in.”

Complicating Kenney’s struggle to avoid deportation was an act of brotherly love. Ignoring the danger to himself, Kenney slipped back into Kenya briefly to help free his own brother, who had also been caught up by government forces for his political activism. He succeeded in removing his brother from danger and then returned to the United States. In a mind-bending twist of logic, an immigration judge later held the act of salvation against Kenney, citing a point of immigration law that stipulates that any asylum seeker who voluntarily returns to the country of his persecution has forfeited his right to sanctuary in America.

“Because I did that, the judge said ‘That was a good deed, but I’m going to punish you for it,’” said Kenney.

In a decision that is now infamous in the immigration legal community, the 4th Circuit Court ordered Kenney deported. He was forced to disrupt his legal studies to comply with the order and barred from returning to the United States for 10 years. After exhaustive and harrowing effort, detailed in “Asylum Denied,” the Ngaruri-Kenneys and attorney Schrag eventually succeeded in removing the decade-long banishment from America. Kenney was allowed to return to resume his classes at CUA law. He has still not won the case for permanent residency.

Today, the Ngaruri-Kenneys live in suburban Maryland and are the parents of a son, Mackenzie. David works for the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office and Melissa is with Patrick Hoover Law Offices, a boutique firm that focuses on education and juvenile law. Writing the book reopened a painful and terrifying chapter in the Ngaruri-Kenneys’ lives, and both hope that the story will open American eyes about the vagaries of the nation’s immigration laws. “Policy makers are a little bit shackled, though, by the fact that they really do rely on their constituent’s opinions of immigrants,” notes Melissa.

Still, they believe the effort was worth it. “At the very least, Mackenzie has got to know his dad’s story. He’s got to know what we went through and how lucky we are to have Jeff back with us,” reflects Melissa.
In Polish, the words “dobra robota” mean “good job.” In recent months, The Catholic University of America and two of its law school faculty members have been recognized by leading Polish universities for their significant contributions to developing joint educational programs between the United States and Poland.

**CUA Awarded Merentibus Medal by Jagiellonian University**

The Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland, has awarded The Catholic University of America its Merentibus Medal in recognition of the innovative professional contributions made to it by the Columbus School of Law.

The medal especially honors the success of the historic cooperative agreement struck in the summer of 2000 between the Columbus School of Law and the faculty of Jagiellonian University to establish a joint certificate program in American Law Studies in Cracow.

Under the arrangement, members of the CUA law faculty teach a series of intensive one-and two-week courses at the Jagiellonian University each year, introducing Polish law students to the structure of America’s legal system and profession. The program represents a model of cooperation between universities committed to understanding and participating in the internationalization of the world’s legal order.

The Merentibus Medal also acknowledges the vital professional contributions of individual CUA law professors, people who have forged related legal programs and ties with the Jagiellonian University. They include Rett Ludwikowski for directing the 18-year-old Summer Law School Program in Cracow, which established the first cooperation between the two schools; George Garvey for establishing the American Law and LL.M. programs there; Catherine Klein for her work in establishing Jagiellonian’s legal clinics; and Leah Wortham for her contributions to these ventures, as well as her support of many Jagiellonian faculty members and students.

Professor Wortham was individually honored by receiving the With Merit to Jagiellonian University Medal, conferred to her on June 28, 2008, during the same ceremony that bestowed the Merentibus Medal upon Catholic University.

“Jagiellonian University is one of Europe’s most prestigious universities, and its faculty of law is considered one of the finest in the world,” remarked Very Rev. David M. O’Connell, C.M., president of CUA. “I am most grateful to the rector and senate for their generous tribute to CUA and Professor Wortham.”

Jagiellonian University alumni includes Renaissance scientist Nicholas Copernicus and Pope John Paul II. In addition to its excellent academic programs, it hosts numerous international conferences every year.

**Leah Wortham — With Merit to Jagiellonian University Medal**

Professor Leah Wortham has come to know as much as any law professor in America about how to successfully administer multi-national legal education. She began working with Jagiellonian University in 1996, when she teamed with faculty...
colleague Catherine Klein to help it establish the first successful clinical program in central Europe and only the second in the entire former Soviet sphere. Wortham directs the Columbus School of Law’s American LL.M. (Master of Laws) Program in Poland, offered in conjunction with Jagiellonian University since 2004, as well as CUA’s American Law Certificate Program at the university. Wortham has also taught comparative legal ethics in CUA’s summer program in Cracow.

Despite her deep engagement with Jagiellonian University, she was nonetheless taken by surprise by her selection as the 2008 recipient of its highest individual honor.

“I must say I’m a little stunned because I had no idea,” said Wortham. She was notified of the university’s selection by her Jagiellonian University counterpart and co-administrator of the LL.M. program, Filip Wejman. The medal is awarded by the university’s senate on the rector’s initiative. It is intended to recognize people who have acted with “extreme merit” on behalf of the venerable Polish University, one of the oldest in Europe. The award of the medal is recorded in the university’s Book of Merits.

Often working with faculty from Jagiellonian University, and with the backing of several legal and nongovernmental organizations, she has trained dozens of law teachers and students outside the United States in the intricacies of legal ethics, clinical education and legal education reform. Since 2003, she has been a member of the advisory board to the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation and since 2006 has served in the same role to the Russian Clinical Education Foundation.

For his invaluable help in opening the door for increased professional collaboration with the West, and for his long history of working to strengthen ties between Polish and American legal educators in general, Rohner was awarded the Tricentennial Medal of Appreciation.

Ralph Rohner — Tricentennial Medal of Appreciation

Successful collaborations begin with someone who sees possibilities. For the University of Wroclaw, that someone was Catholic University law school professor and former dean Ralph Rohner, who pushed hard to ensure that the central European law school was not shut out from the benefits of the collegial relationships that bloomed between law schools of the East and West following the fall of the Soviet Empire.

In the early 1990s, the Columbus School of Law was among the very first American law schools to participate in the Central and East European Law Initiative, which became possible in the wake of the rollback of communism. Under the guidance of the ABA, CEELI arranged and supported new sister-school relationships between American and Polish law schools.

Catholic University was officially partnered with the University of Lodz. But when then-Dean Rohner visited Poland in 1992 to co-found CUA’s summer program in Cracow and meet with University of Lodz officials, a third goal was added to the trip’s agenda. CEELI officials asked the Catholic University delegation to pay a visit to the University of Wroclaw as well, to help assess its potential for participating in the new CEELI program exchanges.

“We first met Dean Bojarski on that trip, and visited with his faculty. We recommended heartily to CEELI that the University of Wroclaw should be invited in the next round of exchanges,” recalls Rohner.

The two deans have been friends ever since, even visiting each others’ homes. Bojarski has since been named president of the University of Wroclaw.

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Nearly everyone will come up against a confounding ethical situation sometime during their working life. The choice can be easy — it’s never acceptable to steal, for example — but other times, even well-meaning people can trip over morally ambiguous circumstances that defy an obvious decision. The “right” course of action isn’t always an open-and-shut case.

Stephen Goldman, a distinguished lecturer at Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law, examines such workplace dilemmas in his recently published book, *Temptations in the Office — Ethical Choices and Legal Obligations*, (Greenwood/Praeger, 2008).

A former partner at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, Goldman is counsel at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, P.C., in its McLean, Va., office. Goldman received his J.D. with honors from the University of Michigan Law School and his Doctorate in Political Philosophy and Ethics from Oxford University, where he was a Ford Foundation scholar. He has served as a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School and clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens when he was a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Goldman has practiced law for more than 15 years, working primarily on complex civil litigation matters. He has also served as president of a company in Denver and taught business strategy and law-related courses at the business school of the University of Colorado at Denver. He spoke with CUA Lawyer after the publication of his book.

**CUA Lawyer:** What was your motivation for writing *Temptations in the Office*?

**Goldman:** I wanted to write this book for two reasons. First, most discussions about ethics in business fail to address how a manager should go about thinking about ethics, that is, what considerations should go into making a choice. Second, many managers don’t have a clear idea about where ethical problems in the workplace implicate legal consideration and where they don’t. I hoped that the book would help in both these regards. I want managers to have some guidance for creating ethical flourishing universes in their companies.

**CUA Lawyer:** Has the workplace become trickier to navigate in recent years, in terms of the kinds of “gray area” situations employees may be confronted with? How well do most managers and employees handle difficult choices?

**Goldman:** I think that situations have become trickier. It used to be that racial and gender stereotyping was simply something minorities and women had to live with. Sexual harassment flourished under the guise that “boys will be boys.” Not only has the law become dramatically more involved in these areas in the last few decades, but sensibilities about what is OK and what is not OK have changed significantly.

**CUA Lawyer:** You begin and conclude the book with the fictional, but quite plausible, story of a salesman facing termination for...
UNDERPERFORMANCE. His colleagues learn that his wife is dying, and are split over whether to fire him or show mercy because of his personal situation. What principles should guide a good manager in responding to a situation like that?

Goldman: There’s no touchstone that will resolve all issues. Indeed, one of the main messages of the book is that every case has to turn on the details of the facts involved, and how well the management’s past choices have played in what I call the organization’s ongoing conversation. At the level of principles, however, a manager in the situation has to balance the organization’s bottom line, the right of an individual employee to be well treated, and how the decider will feel about himself or herself when looking in the mirror the next morning. In our own eyes, we are the people we are because of the kinds of ethical choices we make.

CUA Lawyer: In another compelling example, you present the case of a man who invites many work friends to a weekend party at his home, while pointedly excluding an Indian-born colleague named Sanjay. This does not meet the legal definition of job discrimination, but it poses ethical problems. What message does this behavior send and what impact does it have in the workplace?

Goldman: The message is simple. Racial or ethnic stereotyping — and I might add gender stereotyping — has no place in a flourishing ethical environment. Even where the law isn’t involved, management should have a zero tolerance policy for such conduct.

CUA Lawyer: Have we as a nation become overly focused on the laws that regulate the workplace, while neglecting to consider the ethical implications of our choices?

Goldman: I think it’s always easy to fall back on the law. In lots of cases it’s a way people can avoid appearing too judgmental. But that’s not the whole story. Our culture has really changed in my lifetime. Many kinds of conduct — and I am not just referring to racial and gender discrimination — that were common in the mid-20th century now make most people flinch.

CUA Lawyer: Clearly, a chief aim of your book is to get people to start thinking about workplace fairness and justice. What lessons or concepts do you hope your readers draw from reading Temptations in the Office?

Goldman: I call the conclusion to the book “Face the Facts, Tell the Truth and Run on Time.” I first heard this mantra as the key to running a railroad. If you take “Run on Time” to express a railroad’s commitment to its customers, it’s a metaphor for all businesses to honor their commitments. I think this sums it up. If you don’t hide from facts, even unpleasant ones, if you relentlessly live by the rule of integrity, and if you keep your commitments, you’ll be on the road to creating and maintaining what I call a flourishing ethical community.
Catholic University’s law school is pleased to welcome three additions to its distinguished full-time faculty and several individuals who will be visiting faculty and scholars-in-residence for the 2008–2009 academic year. Their broad range of experience and expertise ensures that students will continue to benefit from the talents of some of the best practitioners in legal education.

CUA’s Newest Full-time Faculty

Mary G. Leary

Sometimes the fit just works. Professor Mary Leary originally joined the Columbus School of Law as an assistant visiting professor for the 2006–2007 academic year. It was soon apparent to both sides, however, that a more permanent arrangement would be a good idea. Leary’s engaging teaching style has been a hit with students, and her legal expertise in the issues surrounding child sexual abuse has been in demand by such national media as CNN, which has featured her as a source on the topic. Leary served as director of the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse.

The latter organization is one of the nation’s leaders in the fight against child abuse. It provides training and research support for child abuse professionals in such areas as physical and sexual abuse, human trafficking, prostitution and other areas. As the former director, Leary was an advocate for children across a wide spectrum of activities, including writing articles, editing amicus briefs, supervising a support staff of attorneys and overseeing a $1.6 million budget. She remains involved in children’s advocacy today.


Early in her career, Leary clerked for the Hon. Sue L. Robinson in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

Roger Colinvaux

Students who learn anything about nonprofit tax law from Roger Colinvaux will be getting their information straight from the source, as he authored many of Congress’ recent changes to laws affecting tax-exempt organizations.

In his most recent position as legislation counsel to Congress’ Joint Committee on Taxation, virtually anything to do with charities and other nonprofits landed on his desk. Colinvaux is an expert on tax matters relating to tax-exempt status, charitable contributions, the unrelated business income tax, political activities, tax shelters involving nonprofits, and private foundations, among others. He is also a former adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught about the political and lobbying activities of nonprofits. In addition, Colinvaux is the upcoming chair of the Exempt Organizations Committee of the tax section of the D.C. Bar.

Colinvaux earned his J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington and his B.A. from Connecticut College. He also holds a Master’s Degree in Politics from Oxford University (Merton College) where he wrote about constitutional law. After law school, he clerked at the Indiana Supreme Court for the Hon. Theodore R. Boehm and afterward was a tax associate at Arnold and Porter. Colinvaux is a frequent speaker and presenter at legal conferences and has been referred to as a “policy maker” by Tax Notes Magazine. His research interests include the role of nonprofits in society and how the laws that affect tax exemption and charitable giving foster or frustrate that role.

Amanda Cohen Leiter

It is not unusual for people with diverse professional backgrounds to ultimately find their way to law school, but Amanda Cohen Leiter’s M.S. degree in oceanography surely sets her apart from most other legal educators. Add to that a second master’s degree in civil engineering, a B.S. degree in biology and a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Denmark, and you’ve got a law professor who straddles an unusually broad range of disciplines.
After all, how many law professors could author articles such as "Environmental Insurance: Does it Defy the Rules" and "Plankton Dynamics in the Southern Kattegat Pycnocline"?

A Harvard Law School graduate cum laude in 2000, where she was managing editor of the Environmental Law Review, Leiter was most recently a visiting associate professor of law at Georgetown Law Center.

She clerked for the Hon. Nancy Gertner of the Federal District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Hon. David Tatel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court. After clerking, she spent two years as a clean air litigator at the Natural Resources Defense Council before beginning her appointment at Georgetown. Her research interests include administrative law and process and environmental law and policy.

**Visiting Faculty and Scholars-in Residence**

**Donna Coleman Gregg**

It could be that law students pay just a bit more attention when they discover that their instructor is also a very recent practitioner. Donna Coleman Gregg's practice was within the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where she served as senior policy adviser to Richard M. Russell, the U.S. Ambassador to the 2007 World Radio Communication Conference. Gregg's role was to advise and inform Ambassador Russell about necessary technological updates within the regulatory framework for managing international use of radio frequency spectrum for systems and services such as future generation wireless broadband, satellite communications, military radars, and cell phones.

Gregg is a former chief of the media bureau at the FCC (2005–2007) and a former vice president of legal and regulatory affairs and general counsel at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Her private practice experience includes more than ten years as a partner at Wiley Rein & Fielding, where she provided regulatory and business advice to large national and international media and telecomm corporations. In 2006, Gregg was recognized with the Touchstones of Leadership Award for Public Service, awarded by Women in Cable Communications.

Gregg brings her wide-ranging expertise to the Columbus School of Law to serve as communications scholar-in-residence in the fall of 2008 and as a visiting associate professor in the spring of 2009. She will teach courses in the communications law studies program and assist Professor David Irwin, director of the Institute for Communications Law Studies, in expanding curricular and programmatic offerings in the communications law certificate program. Gregg will also serve as an adviser to CommLaw Conspectus: Journal of Communications Law and Policy.

Her work has been published in legal and telecommunications journals and publications throughout her career. She plans to pursue her scholarly research agenda in the areas of international telecommunications and media regulation and policy during the academic year.

**Marc O. DeGirolami**

Law students appear to like Marc DeGirolami's teaching style. His evaluations from students have been consistently high at Columbia Law School, where he has taught first-year legal research and writing as an associate-in-law since 2007. DeGirolami is currently a J.S.D. candidate at Columbia Law School himself, having already earned an LL.M. from that school, as well as his J.D. from Boston University School of Law.

Previous employment includes time as assistant district attorney with the Appeals Bureau of Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Cambridge, Mass.; as law clerk for the Hon. Jerome Farris, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; a second clerkship with the Hon. William E. Smith, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island; and a period as an associate with Sullivan & Worcester LLP, Boston.


DeGirolami joins the Columbus School of Law as a visiting assistant professor and scholar-in-residence.

**Megan La Belle**

Megan La Belle is not new to CUA law students. As a lecturer in intellectual property law, she has taught Advanced Topics in Patent Law for years and now joins the faculty of Columbus School of Law as a visiting assistant professor.
for a number of years.

LaBelle is a litigation associate with the Los Angeles-based firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. Prior to joining MTO, she served as a law clerk to the Hon. Stephen S. Trott on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and for the Hon. Margaret M. Morrow on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

LaBelle attended the University of California, Davis School of Law, where she was the senior notes and comments editor for the U.C. Davis Law Review and was selected to the Order of the Coif. Since joining MTO, she has practiced in several areas of commercial litigation, including intellectual property, consumer class actions, entertainment, securities and antitrust.


Brian J. Leske

The classroom may prove to be a tranquil oasis for Brian Leske, coming as he recently does from the rough-and-tumble world of presidential politics. Leske served as homeland security and legal policy director to the Romney for President campaign that challenged for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination. He was responsible for briefing and advising the Massachusetts governor on many policy areas, including homeland security, immigration, criminal and civil justice reform, technology and legal policy.

Prior to joining the campaign, Leske served as Gov. Romney's chief and deputy chief legal counsel in the State House. Before joining the governor's office, he served in the U.S. Department of Justice as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Anti-Terrorism & National Security Unit and in the Appeals Unit in Boston.

Leske also has worked as an in-house appellate counsel for MCI WorldCom and as an associate specializing in appellate and Supreme Court litigation for Washington, D.C.-based Steptoe & Johnson, LLP.

A two-time Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon finisher, Leske is a founding board member of Teardrops to Rainbows, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children with cancer.

Leske is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Georgetown University Law Center, and comes to CUA's law school as a visiting professor and scholar-in-residence.

Tammy W. Sun

Speaking of her time as an attorney for the Southern Center for Human Rights, Tammy Sun told a reporter for National Public Radio’s Morning Edition in 2001 that “We certainly are not here for the money.” The Yale Law School graduate chose to forsake big-firm salaries to defend the indigent, litigate for improving confinement conditions and advocate for reforming the juvenile justice system in the state of Georgia.

A deputy public defender in Salem, Oregon's Office of Public Defense Services since 2002, Sun has assisted indigent defendants in direct appeal of felony cases in the Oregon appeals courts.

She has also served as a justice fellow at the National Association for Public Interest Law. Sun is a former clerk for the Hon. Reginald Lindsay, U.S. District Court in Boston, and was a litigation associate with Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City.

Sun will contribute to CUA Law as a visiting assistant professor and scholar-in-residence. Her prior classroom experience includes teaching a course on evidentiary issues involving child witnesses at the Wayne Morse Center, University of Oregon School of Law.

Ngai Pindell

Professor Pindell comes to CUA Law as a visiting assistant professor from the far west, where he is a tenured associate professor in the William Boyd School of Law, the University of Las Vegas.

He is not new to the area, however, having supervised law students during the late 1990s in a community development clinic at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore. During that time, Pindell planned and taught a community development clinic course for second-and-third year students that covered corporate formation and governance, land use, real property transactions and community development issues.


Pindell earned his J.D. degree from Harvard University, where he served as executive editor of the Harvard Black Letter Journal.
Farewell

Four professors have also concluded their service with the Columbus School of Law at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year. They depart with the best wishes of a grateful law school. Each faculty member made a unique and positive contribution to the educational experience at CUA, and all will be missed by students and colleagues.

At a farewell brunch on May 18, Dean Veryl Miles and members of the faculty gathered to thank them for their service and dedication to the law school community. In her remarks, the dean made a point of noting something outstanding about each professor’s accomplishments that endeared them to the CUA law community.

Helen Alvaré

Professor Helen Alvaré was recognized for her generous participation and insight on many programs at the law school exploring Catholic Social Teaching and Church doctrine regarding family and the dignity of human life. For many years, Professor Alvaré served as adviser to the law school’s Advocates for Life student organization. She also served as the professional faculty representative to the Board of Trustees and the University Senate.

Heather Elliott

Professor Heather Elliott served as faculty adviser to several student organizations and activities including the Environmental Law Society and the Environmental Law and Sutherland Cup Moot Court competitions. She was also acknowledged for being a contributing organizer to the law school’s Lisbon Initiative for Portuguese and American Legal Dialogue. During her teaching career at CUA, Professor Elliott made a point to have time to enjoy a cup of coffee with each and every one of her students! It was no surprise that she was elected by the Class of 2008 as class marshal.

Peter “Bo” Rutledge

Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge, also a special favorite among the students, was elected Professor of the Year in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. During his time at CUA, he made many contributions including the establishment of the law school’s judicial clerkship program. He also served as adviser, coach and mentor to the CUA teams that competed in the Vis International Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. Professor Rutledge personally helped to raise private funds to underwrite the competition costs.

Nerissa Skillman

Professor Nerissa Skillman was thanked for her assistance in the development and implementation of the law school’s first academic support program and in helping with the redesign of its tutorial program. She was acknowledged for the individualized assistance she provided to numerous students and graduates to enhance their bar examination preparation.

“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.”

— St. Ambrose
It's all in a day's work for the Hon. Loren Smith, senior judge, United States Court of Federal Claims.

"I fight with an attorney, get spit upon and hide behind a small flower pot while advancing to the garden, as well as bringing tea, heart pills, cosmetics, coats, hats and canes," he summarizes.

Of course, none of the above incidents actually occurred in his courtroom, or in his classroom as a distinguished lecturer at the Columbus School of Law. Rather, Judge Smith's eclectic activities unfolded onstage, after he exchanged his robes for theater makeup in his role as Major Domo, the faithful servant to Don Pasquale in Gaetano Donizetti's opera of the same name.

It began with an invitation from a friend who had the starring role, who in turn invited Smith to consider the multi-faceted role of Major Domo. "He assured me no singing was required, that only my comic talents (he must have read some of my opinions) were required," Smith recalled. The judge agreed, believing that it was little more than a walk-on part. As it turned out, he was obliged to be onstage for every act.

With more than 20 years under his belt — including a stretch as chief judge — on one of the nation's most historic and prestigious federal courts, Judge Smith is used to stellar performances and rapt audiences. Normally, however, the most Oscar-worthy utterances come from the lawyers that appear before him. For the well-respected judge to leap over his bench, as it were, and place himself in a position where opera fans could judge him amounted to a heady walk on the tightrope.

"As a judge you can find people who misbehave in court in contempt. On stage I was the one facing possible contempt! A humbling experience," Smith said.

Swapping his judicial robes for the clothes of a valet to an Italian nobleman, Judge Loren Smith thoroughly enjoyed his turn as a character actor in community theater.
beneficial to the soul of every judge,” says Smith.

Don Pasquale, a light romantic comedy set in early 19th century Rome, was staged for three performances in May 2007, by the Opera Company of Northern Virginia, an Arlington-based professional company that has offered operatic productions to area fans since the 1960s.

Judge Smith has always displayed an ease with audiences. In 1972 he served as host of a nightly radio talk show called “What’s Best for America?”, and two years before that he ran for the Illinois General Assembly with the endorsement of the Chicago Tribune. He has spoken and appeared on TV and radio in two dozen countries on behalf of the United States Information Agency and other groups. Still, the lack of shyness does not necessarily equate to great acting. But when the opportunity arose to debut in a rather substantial operatic role, the judge’s deliberations were brief and his verdict swift: yes.

“Major Domo is quite elderly and has worked for Don Pasquale for 50 years,” Smith explains. “I appear in about 15 separate actions in all five scenes. In most of them my role is comic, but one is sad and emotional.”

As an added bonus, the script even offered up the judge a Walter Mittyesque fantasy of men everywhere. “I actually dance with three women who briefly fight over me in the last scene of the opera!”

The theater critic of the Washington Post was impressed by the jurist’s opera debut, writing on May 22 that “Loren Smith, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, was a scene stealer as a silent, slowly shuffling factotum.” Despite his apparent natural flair for acting, the judge drew the line at attempting arias, duets or bel cantos. “I do not sing a word, not a note,” he reassured the friends he invited to the performance, “otherwise, Northern Virginia music lovers would be out picketing!”

Judge Smith’s sudden ascent to the stage is not out of character. His career has been marked by creative and unusual turns. Appointed a judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims in 1985, he is one of 16 jurists to serve on the court. The judges are appointed by the president and subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate for terms of 15 years. The United States Court of Federal Claims is sometimes referred to as “the People’s Court,” because it exists to put the federal government on the stand as the defendant while it is sued by citizens seeking monetary redress. In recent years, the court’s docket has been characterized by complex and high profile cases in such areas as the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and the World War II internment of Japanese-Americans.

Judge Smith served as chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States from 1981 to 1985. During his tenure as chairman, he was a member of the President’s Cabinet Councils on Legal Policy and on Management and Administration.

He is a prolific teacher of the law, having served as an adjunct professor at most of the Washington, D.C.-area law schools at one time or another. Judge Smith is a member of the Columbus School of Law Board of Visitors, and his distinguished legal career and contributions to teaching were recognized by the presentation of the Presidential Medal by The Catholic University of America in 1993.

Judge Smith’s moonlighting on the stage does not threaten to cut short his stellar bench career. He is quite content to do both should future roles come his way. In fact, he seems rather pleased at the incongruity of the actor by night. And he cannot help but muse about his dream role.

“I would like to play opposite either Sharon Stone or Pamela Anderson in a romantic adaptation of Lord of the Rings. I have also thought of playing Pavarotti, since I have a beard and am fat,” he laughs.
Professors Margaret Barry, Catherine Klein and Faith Mullen all played prominent roles as panelists and presenters at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Tucson, Ariz., May 4–7, 2008. The three Columbus Community Legal Services professors addressed various aspects of the conference’s theme, “Reflecting on Our Work and Vision: Risks, Mistakes and Opportunities.” The concurrent sessions brought together many clinical legal educators from D.C.-area law schools, to join colleagues in examining such topics as “Finding Common Ground between Domestic Violence and Criminal Defense Clinics” and “Directing? You Must Be Kidding: Leading a Clinic in Academia.” Klein organized and facilitated a joint meeting of the AALS International Section and the Global Alliance for Justice Education. She is helping to plan its upcoming conference in Manila, Philippines, next December. Klein and Barry also helped to plan the Georgetown University Summer Institute, designed for less experienced clinical teachers, held June 17–20, 2008. Mullen was selected to be a small group leader at the Tucson meeting. The small groups play a central role in the AALS clinical conferences and meet frequently throughout the conference.

Professors Margaret Barry and Catherine Klein were the 2008 recipients of the 3rd Annual Watts Empowerment Award, presented by the Washington, D.C.-based Women Empowered Against Violence. Created in 2006 to recognize individuals whose work has improved systems, services and access to justice for survivors of intimate partner violence, the WEAVE nomination cited the professors’ “years of dedication to this cause in the form of the Families and the Law Clinic, your early vision for outreach and services to teens, and your important contributions in training corporate attorneys to do pro bono family law.” The award was presented on June 16, 2008.

Professor Marshall Bregers’ opinion essay, “Faith in Diplomacy,” was entered as part of the Congressional Record on May 14, 2008, by Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-Md). Bregers’ article was written during his tenure as a former alternate delegate of the United States to the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland. In it, he discussed the importance of religion in negotiating peace through diplomacy. On February 25, Bregers was a featured speaker at an academic discussion on the current status and challenges facing the city of Jerusalem. The discussion was held at the Nasher Museum of Art on the campus of Duke University in North Carolina.

Professor Heather Elliott visited the country of Andorra in March and gave a talk about the U.S. Supreme Court that was sponsored by the Andorran Minister of Culture. In attendance at her lecture were the president and vice president of the nation’s Supreme Judicial Council, its attorney general, the clerk of the Constitutional Court and several others.


Professor Catherine Klein was one of the experts on clinical legal education invited to participate in a workshop with 10 professors from Iran’s Mofid University. The Clinical Legal Education Workshop: International and Comparative Models was held April 2–7 in Istanbul, Turkey, and was sponsored by the Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Professor Lisa Lerman was a plenary session speaker at a conference on legal externships hosted by Seattle University School of Law on Feb. 15 and 16. She was part of a program titled “The Carnegie Report and Externships: Where the Bridge to Practice Meets the Road to Identity.” Lerman’s remarks were a critique of the Carnegie report as it relates to law school externship programs. She also served as a member of the planning committee for the American Bar Association’s 34th National Conference on Professional Responsibility. Lerman continues to serve as a member of Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee; as a member of the board of directors of D.C. Law Students in Court; and as a member of Catholic University’s Senate Committee on Appointments and Promotions.

Professor David Lipton organized and moderated four professional talks in his role as director of the Securities Law Program. He invited Fannie Mae deputy general counsel Ramon de Castro to discuss the meltdown of the sub prime lending market; Justice Department investigator and CUA law alumnus Mike Missal, 1982, to explain the accounting practices of mortgage lenders; SEC Director Erik Sirri to speak about coordinating international market regulation; and SEC Commissioner Paul Atkins to discuss market-based regulation. Lipton also moderated an alumni luncheon discussion in New York City that examined the coordinated supervisory rules of the New York Stock Exchange and FINRA. He continues to serve on the fair pricing committee and the governance committee of the municipal securities rulemaking board.

Professor Suzette Malveaux was invited to speak at Washington & Lee University School of Law on Jan. 11 about her current scholarship on the impact of compulsory pre-dispute arbitration agreements on the justice system. She was also an invited...
speaker on a panel about her continuing pro bono representation of the victims of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921. The May 31 discussion was sponsored by the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa. The panel also screened a documentary illustrating the legal, legislative and international efforts on behalf of the survivors and their families. On June 19, Malveaux spoke about two topics at the invitation of the Washington Bar Association, “An Intergenerational Dialogue: The Role of the Black Attorney” and “How to Become a Law Professor.” Throughout the spring of 2008, she was a master for the Thurgood Marshall American Inn of Court, and attended meetings with judges, faculty, alumni and students to socialize and discuss legal issues.

Professor Steve Margeton was on the planning committee for the Joint Study Institute of the American Association of Law Libraries held June 25–28, 2008, at Georgetown Law Center. The theme of the program for American and Foreign Common Law jurisdiction librarians was titled “Harmonization and Confrontation: Integrating Foreign and International Law into the American Legal System.” In addition to serving on the planning committee, Margeton chaired a panel titled “Internationalization and Globalization of U.S. Law School Curriculums.” Margeton also had his 1993 article “Of Legislative Histories and Librarians” cited among the 30 essential readings on an annotated list put forth by Law Library Journal, the official professional journal of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Dean Veryl V. Miles has accepted an invitation to serve a two-year term on the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association. The committee administers the ABA accreditation process, including review of site evaluation reports, progress reports, and fact finding reports. It reviews J.D. programs, post-J.D. programs, foreign summer programs, semester abroad programs, cooperative programs for foreign study and individual student programs for foreign study. Miles delivered the 17th Mary, Mirror of Justice Lecture on Feb. 20, 2008. Inaugurated in 1989 by the Pope John Paul II Guild of Catholic Lawyers, the lecture series is intended to recognize and encourage lawyers and scholars who, through their research contributions and dedication to teaching, clarify and advance the pursuit of peace with justice through the law. She used the occasion to offer her vision for the kind of education the law school should strive to achieve. On January 6, Miles hosted a reception for New York City area alumni, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. In late February, she traveled to the Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minn., to speak about “Pro Bono Service: A Professional Responsibility with an Abundant Yield,” as part of the school’s law and leadership speaker series. On April 18, Miles was in Lander, Wyo., as the luncheon speaker for the Women’s Legal Forum sponsored by the Wyoming Bar Association. She was asked to provide the attendees with a look at today’s generation of the women law students, as well as the views and perspectives from women law faculty and administrators who teach and mentor them.

Professor Faith Mullen continues to oversee the staffing by CUA students of the Small Claims Resource Center. Having completed the third semester of a partnership with the D.C. Bar and the District of Columbia Superior Court, general practice clinic students staff the center every other Thursday for eight weeks during the semester. The students provide legal information to unrepresented small claims litigants and serve 12 to 15 customers per week.

Research Ordinary Professor Michael Noone addressed the Class of 2008 of the U.S. Air Force Air War College, based at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Delivered on April 17 at the invitation of the commandant, Noone’s remarks dealt with the legal issues involved in war with non-state entities.

Rev. Raymond C. O’Brien taught Decedents’ Estates at the Georgetown University Law Center during the spring 2008 semester and will teach Family Law for its summer session. In May, he was part of a panel presentation held at the Montgomery County Bar Association, discussing civil unions and related issues. He baptized Evan, the second child of Charles Straub, 2005, and his wife, Amy, at his parish in Rockville, Md. Father O’Brien was also successful in reaching initial endowment status for the scholarship created in honor of his grandparents, Charles and Louise O’Brien.

Professor J.P. “Sandy” Ogilvy was re-elected treasurer of the AALS section on pro bono and public service opportunities at the section’s business meeting in New York City on Jan. 5, 2008. He was also appointed to a joint task force to plan a celebration of the history and legacy of the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility during the AALS annual meeting in San Diego, Calif., in January 2009. Ogilvy was a member of an ABA accreditation team that visited the University of LaVerne Law School in Ontario from Feb. 24 to 27, 2008. In March, he spoke at Brigham Young University’s J. Reuben Clark Law School on “The New Guidelines for the Evaluation of Clinical Legal Education Programs — A Wiki Version.”
Professor Kenneth Pennington delivered a paper, “Torture and Fear:Enemies of Justice,” at Princeton University’s Davis Center on March 27. On May 7, Pennington spoke at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, on “Lex naturalis and Ius naturale.”

Professor Ralph Rohner was presented with the Tri-centennial Medal of Appreciation by Marek Bojarski, dean of the law faculty at the University of Wroclaw, Poland, for his involvement in strengthening American–Polish educational collaboration. It was awarded to Rohner at a CUA law alumni reception in New York City in January.

Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge argued Irizarry v. United States before the United States Supreme Court on April 15, 2008. A former clerk to Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Rutledge was asked by the high court to take the case as “amicus curiae in support of the judgment below,” an unusual basis that arises when the respondent abandons the lower court decision that the petitioner is challenging, leaving both sides in agreement that the lower court decision was wrong or should be vacated. In such rare circumstances, the justices sometimes ask former clerks to defend the lower court argument as a way of ensuring that all issues are fully aired. Rutledge’s case, from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, considered whether a judge must notify both sides before rendering a sentence that deviates from federal sentencing guidelines. Rutledge’s case, from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, considered whether a judge must notify both sides before rendering a sentence that deviates from federal sentencing guidelines. Rutledge was also the author of an analysis conducted for the Institute for Legal Reform about the benefits of America’s system of arbitration. Contradicting the findings of a recent report from Public Citizen that attacked the system, Rutledge concluded that the study “is wrong, both on the facts and in its ultimate conclusions.” Contrary to the Public Citizen’s claims, Rutledge said that “arbitration improves access to justice, enhances the likelihood of recovery, delivers speedier results and is a superior option to the courts.”

Professor Marin Scordato was named by the student body as the Outstanding Professor of First-Year Classes for the 2007–2008 academic year.

Professor Lucia Silecchia presented “The Right to Environmental Health as a Condition for Economic Development” at the University of Lisbon’s law school on March 10, 2008. On April 8, she spoke about “The Challenge of Inclusion: Avoiding the Us vs. Them” at the biennial conference of the Association of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools, hosted this year by Boston College Law School. Silecchia is also a member of the board for the association. On May 29, she attended the annual Conference on Catholic Legal Thought at Seattle University School of Law. Silecchia presented “Scholarly Career Planning as a Christian” before the attendees.

Professor Karla Simon was an adviser to the American Bar Association (on behalf of its International Law Section) to the Uniform Law Commission’s Project for the Harmonization of the Laws Governing Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations in North America. The project will develop a Revised Uniform Nonprofit Associations Act for the United States and will present it at the July 2008 meeting of the ULC. Simon is also serving another term as vice chair of the International Law Section’s Committee on International NGOs and NPOs.

Professor Ted Sky was selected to receive one of six Distinguished Alumni Awards presented by the Altoona Area High School Alumni Association. It will be presented on Nov. 8, 2008.

Professor George P. Smith spent time in June as a visiting fellow at St. Edmund’s College, the University of Cambridge, working at the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion. Two of Smith’s law review articles have been listed on the SSRN Internet Research Network as among the top 10 downloaded articles: “Human Rights and Bioethics,” 38 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 1295 (2005) and “Cigarette Smoking as a Public Health Hazard,” 11 Michigan State Journal of Medicine & Law 251 (2007).

Judge-in-Residence Fred B. Ugast attended the Joint Judicial and Bar Conference of the District of Columbia from April 10 to 11 in Washington, D.C. One of the main topics of discussion dealt with the pros and cons of specialized courts. He was also a guest at the annual judicial luncheon hosted by the bar association of the judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the chief judge and presiding judges of the D.C. Superior Court. Judge Ugast delivered one of the eulogies at the funeral of the Hon. John Garrett Penn, former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He also attended an informal gathering for patients at D.C.’s St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. Many of them had previously appeared before Judge Ugast and been committed to the hospital after verdicts of not guilty by reason of insanity.


Professor Cliff Fishman announces with a mixture of pride and exhaustion the forthcoming publication of the third edition of his two-volume treatise, *Wiretapping and Eavesdropping*, by Thomson-West. His co-author is Anne McKenna. The treatise includes extensive coverage of computer law and technological surveillance of all kinds, and provides detailed guidelines for judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and civil practitioners. Fishman has also published “Defense Counsel Access to a Prosecution Witness’s Psychotherapy or Counseling Records” in the University of Washington Law Review.

Professor Lisa Lerman published *Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law* (2nd ed., Aspen) spring, 2008 (co-authored with Philip Schrag). This textbook for courses in professional responsibility has been adopted at more than 80 law schools. She is also co-author of “The Buried Bodies Case: Alive and Well after Thirty Years,” 2007 Professional Lawyer 19.

Professor David Lipton published the 12th release of his “Treatise on Broker-Dealer Regulation.” This treatise is updated twice annually and is considered the standard reference guide in the securities legal community.


Father Raymond C. O’Brien is currently writing another book with co-author Michael Flannery, a professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, on prudent investing after the enactment of the Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Publication is expected in spring 2009.


Professor Antonio Perez was the author of a report to the Inter-American Juridical Committee on the “Status of Negotiations on Consumer Protection at the Seventh Specialized Conference on Private International Law,” [CJI doc.288/08 rev. 1], presented in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Feb. 21, 2008.


Conferences and Symposia

Professor Helen Alvaré was a panelist in a Vatican congress held Feb. 7–9 in Rome that commemorated the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II’s apostolic letter on the dignity of women. The congress considered themes ranging from the history of women in the Church, beginning with Christ’s interactions with women, to gender ideology, to the importance of marriage, family and motherhood. Participants had an audience with Pope Benedict XVI on Feb. 9. Alvaré’s presentation examined the reduction of femininity to an object of consumerism.

Professor Marshall Breger was a featured speaker at an academic discussion on the current status and challenges facing the city of Jerusalem, held Feb. 25 at the Nasher Museum of Art on the campus of Duke University in North Carolina. Breger’s remarks covered some legal and political issues related to the ancient city’s many holy places and contributed to a larger forum titled “Jerusalem: Land, Law Buildings,” sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies at Duke University.

Professor Cara Drinan spoke as part of a panel at the AALS workshop for new law teachers in June in Washington, D.C. The panel was titled “Junior Faculty Feedback.”

Professor Cliff Fishman made a presentation in November 2007 to the Mid-Atlantic Technical Investigators Association in Baltimore, titled, “Search, Seizure and Technology.”


Professor William Kaplin was a plenary session presenter for “Twenty Years of Students’ Rights and Campus Discipline: What’s Constant, What’s Changed, What’s Emerging?” at the 20th anniversary International Conference of the Association for Student Judicial Affairs, held in February 2008 at Clearwater Beach, Fla. He also presented “Facilitating Scholarship Regarding Higher Education Law and Policy,” at the 29th Annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education, held at the same time and place. Kaplin was also a panel discussant for “Future Trends in American Higher Education Law and Policy,” a post-conference half-day session also held in Clearwater Beach.

Professor Catherine Klein discussed “Getting a Legal Clinic off the Ground: The Nuts and Bolts of Mandate Development, Strategy, Funding, and Operations,” at the Clinical Legal Education Workshop: International and Comparative Models, held April 3 to 6, 2008, in Istanbul, Turkey. Klein also shared her experiences in establishing the first domestic violence clinic in the United States with colleagues. She is director of Catholic University’s Columbus Community Legal Services.


Professor David Lipton presented a lecture of introduction on May 16 to the Municipal Securities Regulation Board’s Compliance Seminar on 529 Plans, which are state-sponsored college tuition saving plans. In attendance were more than 75 members of the brokerage, banking and regulatory community. Every state and the District of Columbia has a 529 plan. Interest on the plans is earned tax free of federal taxes. However, the plans are fraught with concerns regarding information disclosure and suitability requirements.

Professor Rett Ludwikowski traveled to Rome to address a conference on “Europe and Americas Together in a Concerned and Integral Development.” The event was held Feb. 28 to March 1, 2008. The Vatican-organized symposium examined the current state of U.S.–European relations, including cultural, academic and historical. Ludwikowski’s paper, titled “Education and Promotion of Human Rights,” discussed the main goals of human rights education and how to best achieve them.

Professor Suzette Malveaux gave a presentation to the faculty of Washington and Lee University School of Law in January, titled “The Privatization of the Justice System.” On March 14, she moderated “A Tribute to Justice Sandra Day O’Connor: Reflecting on Justice.
O’Connor’s Jurisprudence Relating to Race and Education” sponsored by the Catholic University Law Review. Malveaux was also among the moderators during the four-day March conference, “A Common Morality for a Global Age.” Her panel discussants were Professors Nicholas Boyle, Michael Sandel, Stephen Smith and Carter Snead. On April 3, Malveaux was the chief faculty organizer of “Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King’s Legacy,” a day-long teach-in commemorating the 40th anniversary of his assassination. The event drew local TV news anchor Jim Vance and D.C. Commissioner Ike Fulwood to share their recollections about April 4, 1968. The teach-in focused on the relevance of race today and the impact of Dr. King’s life. On May 19, Malveaux gave a presentation to Villanova University political science college students at CUA Law about the Supreme Court’s term and the U.S. court system.

Dean Veryl V. Miles attended the ABA Dean’s Mid-year Workshop, held in February in Santa Monica, Calif. She spoke as part of a panel workshop about “The Stages of Deaning.” The Columbus School of Law also held an alumni and friends reception in the San Francisco Bay area. From May 31 to June 3, the dean participated as a faculty member and as the vice chair of the ABA New Dean’s Workshop in Marco Island, Fla. The annual ABA-sponsored workshop provides training for new law school deans. In June, the Dean participated in the plenary panel at the ABA Associate Dean’s Conference in Denver.

Professor J.P. “Sandy” Ogilvy spoke at the clinical theory workshop at New York Law School in New York City on Jan. 25, 2008. He was joined by Professor Mariana Hogan, his co-author of a chapter on Judicial Externships in Learning from Practice: A Professional Development Text for Legal Externs, 2d ed. (Thomson/West 2007), to talk about constructing pedagogy for judicial externship classroom component.

Professor Antonio Perez presented “Consumer Protection in the Americas: A Second Wave of American Revolutions?” as part of the Symposium on Latin America: Economic Justice and Development held at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis on March 7, 2008.

Professor Heidi Schooner was a discussant at the Junior Scholar Conference held at Connecticut Law School, May 28 to 29, 2008. She also contributed to a discussion on “The Second Report of the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation,” organized by the American Enterprise Institute, in February. From Jan. 29 to 31, Schooner was in Vienna, Austria, to participate in the International Monetary Fund’s Banking Law Workshop for Central Asian Judges, sponsored by the Joint Vienna Institute.

Professor Lucia Slicechill attended the “Catholic Lawyers Program on Globalizing Justice — Solidarity and Participation: True Justice for the Poor,” sponsored by Fordham Law School. She was also in attendance at a seminar organized by the New York State Bar Association on June 17, “Ethical Issues in Real Estate Transactions.”

Professor Elizabeth Winston participated as a fellow in the University of Houston Law Center’s Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law National Conference: “Patents in Perspective,” on June 7, 2008.
Professor Helen Alvaré was quoted in an article published Feb. 12, 2008, by the Zenit News Agency titled “Not Only Men Treat Women as Objects.” Alvaré’s comments were made during her attendance at a Vatican conference in Rome that dealt with “Woman and Man, the ‘Humanum’ in Its Entirety.” Decrying today’s atmosphere of rampant consumerism, Alvaré was quoted by Zenit as saying “It was almost inevitable that human beings would become the ultimate consumer product.”

Professor Margaret Barry was interviewed by Voice of America television on April 9 for a story about the domestic violence and sexual abuse of minors issues involved in the FBI raid on the West Texas compound built by convicted polygamist leader Warren Jeffs. Professor Robert Destro was also interviewed and included in the same story.

Professor Marshall Breger was quoted in the online edition of the Jewish Exponent in December 2007 for an article titled “Jews and Evangelicals: Is It Really a Marriage Made in Heaven?” “We have to move away from one-dimensional views of what each side believes,” said Breger, who formerly served as President Reagan’s liaison to the Jewish community.

Professor Robert Destro was interviewed at length in March for an online video produced by Bridges to Common Ground, a Web site dedicated to facilitating dialogue and understanding between the Abrahamic faiths of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Destro’s multi-part interviews offer commentary and explains some of the most complex problems that have historically divided the faiths. Destro is director of Catholic University’s Interdisciplinary Program on Law and Religion.

Lecturer Richard Dieter was quoted by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Jan. 24, 2008, for a story about a Pennsylvania murder suspect who acted as his own lawyer in his death penalty case. “The brain surgery of the legal profession is death penalty cases. It’s not something any lawyer should do, much less a non-lawyer,” said Dieter, who runs the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center.

Community Service

Professor Suzette Malveaux conducted interviews and also videotaped and photographed the 105th birthday cruise of her long-time pro bono client Otis Clark, the oldest living survivor of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921, for documentary and media coverage. In April, she helped at a fund raiser and organizer for the High Tea in honor of the 120th anniversary of Crittenton Services of Greater Washington. The organization is devoted to empowering teen women.

Dean Verly V. Miles spoke to a group of women college students participating in the Public Leadership Education Network’s “Women, Law & Public Policy Conference: A Public Leadership Career Conference.” The April 27 conference provided opportunities for women college students from across the country to participate in internships and programs in the nation’s capital, where they learned more about law and public policy from women lawyers who make and influence public policy.

Professor Faith Mullen trained 50 law firm associates, government attorneys and staff attorneys for Neighborhood Legal Services on how to draft wills. Offered on Jan. 31, the tutorial was in partnership with Neighborhood Legal Services. Mullen repeated the exercise on April 9. In March, she coordinated the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Child Custody training for legal practitioners. Mullen designed the course content, invited speakers and facilitated the training. Approximately 25 lawyers were trained, and each lawyer who received training agreed to assist two unrepresented clients in child custody cases.

Professor J.P. “Sandy” Ogilvy traveled to Haiti from May 11 to 15 to meet with local civic and religious leaders and representatives of non-governmental organizations operating in the region to investigate ways in which the community of The Catholic University of America might support their work. Ogilvy was hosted by the Rev. Jomanas Eustache, a priest with the diocese of Jeremie and the dean of a private Catholic law school founded in 1995. The diocese of Jeremie is a sister diocese of the Archdiocese of Washington. Ogilvy also made a presentation to the students and faculty of the law school, L’Ecole Supérieure Catholic de Droit de Jeremie.

Professor Cara Drinan’s op-ed, “Backlog Death-Penalty Rationale Fatally Flawed,” was published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on May 16, 2008. The essay decried the haste with which states that employ capital punishment have resumed executions in the wake of the recent U.S. Supreme Court that upheld
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the constitutionality of lethal injection. Three weeks later, Georgia became the first state in the nation to resume use of the death penalty when it executed William Earl Lynd — part of what a spokesman for the Georgia attorney general’s office called an attempt to clear “the backlog.”

Professor Sarah Duggin was interviewed by The New York Times for an article published on Feb. 28 that examined how the Constitution’s Article II, which stipulates only “natural born” Americans may serve as president, might be problematic for GOP candidate John McCain, born in the Panama Canal Zone. The story quoted Duggin extensively and was widely distributed by other news sources such as the Associated Press and the Drudge Report. These led to follow-up interviews on the same subject with BBC World News (radio), WTOP Newsradio in Washington, D.C., and WDEL, a radio station in Delaware. The Washington Post also pursued the story, interviewing Duggin at length for an article in the May 2 edition.

Professor Clifford Fishman spoke with the Las Vegas Review-Journal in late January about state and federal laws that require prosecutors and/or judges to disclose information about wiretap requests and interceptions, such as the number of conversations intercepted, the number of people whose conversations were intercepted, the manpower and other costs associated with a wiretap, the location of the wiretap and related questions. He also spoke with the writer of the newsletter Private Education Law Report Legal Update for Teachers about the legality of having the police bring drug-sniffing dogs to check school lockers.

Professor Mary Leary was prominently featured in a story in Virginia Law Weekly about her participation in a symposium on “Self-Produced Child Pornography: The

Appropriate Societal Response to Juvenile Self-Sexual Exploitation,” organized by the University of Virginia in February. Leary was among three panelists who discussed what she termed “tomorrow’s epidemic,” minors who produce obscene images of themselves for posting on the Internet. Leary was also quoted in a Feb. 25 article by the Associated Press about the difficulties prosecutors can face when bringing charges for child pornography.

Professor Suzette Malveaux established herself as the Washington, D.C., legal commentator for Art Fennell Reports, a Philadelphia-based cable television program seen on the Comcast Network. Malveaux appeared on the program at least 10 times from December 2007 to May 2008, discussing a wide range of subjects: from the president’s State of the Union address, to the status of the Protect America Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, to sentencing guidelines for crack and cocaine sales, handgun laws, the death penalty, voter I.D. regulations and other legal subjects. In January, Malveaux was interviewed by WTTG-TV, Fox News Channel 5, about the phenomenon of hate crimes among persons of the same race. The following month, she was a guest on the Tom Joyner Morning Show speaking about little known “black facts” with her pro bono client Otis Clark, the oldest survivor of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.

Research Ordinary Professor Michael Noone was interviewed by The New York Times on April 15 to discuss allegations of Christian fundamentalist proselytizing in the Armed Forces.

Professor Lucia Silecchia was quoted in an April 17 article for Newsweek online. “The Green Pope” explored the Vatican’s belief that eco-friendly lifestyles will help protect the world’s poorest communities.

Professor Victor Williams published an op-ed in the National Law Journal on March 10 that warned of the danger of the current high number of unfilled government appointments. “Averting the Crisis” urged the next president to act immediately to fill the more than 200 vacant high-level federal jobs. Williams noted that the Federal Election Commission, for example, is minus four of six charter members and does not even have a quorum to formally meet.

Professor Elizabeth Winston was quoted in an April 28, 2008, article in The National Law Journal titled “Could Constitutional Flaw Unravel Eight Years of Patent Board Rulings?” The article explores the ramifications to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the possibly unconstitutional appointment of nearly two-thirds of its patent appeals judges. Winston made the point that such administrative law judge positions are very difficult to get and are now held by “highly qualified and respected” judges, many with experience from inside and outside of the agency as well as clerkships on the Federal Circuit.

Professor Leah Wortham was quoted in the April 10 edition of the Polish newspaper Rzeczpospolita for an article about a speech she gave in Warsaw two days earlier. In remarks that were sponsored by the National Council of the Bar and the Jagiellonian American Law Program, Wortham broadly discussed the various influences that affect the development of a practitioner’s legal ethics.

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Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, senior international partner at the law firm of WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., and former U.S. Trade Representative and member of the president’s cabinet, has been elected a trustee of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She becomes one of 10 Trustees of the Institute, a medical research organization dedicated to the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in the life sciences. Barshefsky served as the nation’s chief trade negotiator and principal trade policy maker from 1997 to 2001 and as acting and deputy trade representative from 1993 to 1996. Named one of the 50 most influential women lawyers in the United States by the National Law Journal, Barshefsky joined WilmerHale in 2001.

Christopher B. Carveth was re-elected president of the board of directors of the Connecticut Center for Child Development, Inc. The organization provides educational instruction and related services to children with autism and related spectrum disorders. Carveth, a partner in the Milford, Conn., law firm of Stevens, Carroll & Carveth, is married to Kimberly A. Sweeney, 1991, and is uncle to Melissa D’Ambros, 2005.

Kenneth L. Lewis was elected chair of City Connect Detroit’s board of directors in April. City Connect Detroit was established by Michigan grant makers, Detroit city officials and nonprofit organizations to tackle the problem of chronically under-funded human service programs by the federal government. Lewis is a shareholder with the Detroit office of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest’s oldest and largest law firms. Lewis’ areas of practice include civil rights, commercial litigation, education law, labor and employment litigation and municipal law.

Robert D. Liebenberg, of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., a partner at the law firm Fine, Kaplan and Black, was honored as one of “The 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers in America” by The National Law Journal in 2007. She was the only woman from Pennsylvania to receive this honor. She concentrates her practice in the areas of anti-trust and class actions.

Justice Peggy R. Quince was unanimously elected by her six colleagues to be first African-American woman to serve as chief justice for Florida’s Supreme Court. As such, she is also the first to lead any branch of state government in Tallahassee. In Florida, the chief justice oversees the entire state court system. Quince began her two-year term on July 1st.

Jose A. Toro moved to Albuquerque, N.M. from Mobile, Ala. in March, 2008.

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Margaret T. Brewer has completed the LA County Bar Association dispute resolution center mediation training. She is conducting a court and community mediation practice in Long Beach, Calif.

Mary S. Elcano was appointed interim president of the American Red Cross in November 2007. She is also the agency’s CEO. Prior to her service with the Red Cross, Elcano spent 18 years as a lawyer with the U.S. Postal Service.

Walter S. Booth was selected for inclusion in “Super Lawyers of Maryland” in December 2007, for his record of accomplishment in the field of criminal defense. In March 2008, Booth was again recognized for his criminal defense work, this time being selected for inclusion in “Super Lawyers of the Washington D.C. Metro Area.” He maintains a law practice in Bethesda, Md. where he concentrates in trial and appellate work in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Mary S. Head has been named assistant director of policy in the Office of Investor Education and Advocacy within the Securities and Exchange Commission, it was announced in January. She has previously served as counsel to SEC Commissioner Kathleen L. Casey. In this capacity, Head advised on a wide range of commission policy and rule-making initiatives, with particular focus on market regulation and investment management issues.

J. David Seay is vice-president of Healthcare Educational and Research Fund, a part of the Healthcare Association of New York State. Seay began his new duties in January 2008.

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Glenn A. Grant was appointed to manage New Jersey’s court system, effective Sept. 1, 2008. Grant, a Superior Court judge from Essex County and acting administrative director of the courts, is the first minority member responsible for overseeing all state and municipal courts in New Jersey and the 7 million cases they handle each year. He is also in charge of the judiciary’s 9,000 employees and its $500 million budget.

Robert Y. Hirasuna has been named general counsel for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. Hirasuna has more than 27 years of experience as an attorney specializing in energy law. He was a partner with various law firms in Washington, D.C., and in Texas, representing all segments of the natural gas and electric industries. He also has been special counsel for policy at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he led some of its major natural gas initiatives.

Richard A. Pacia was elected president-elect of the Rhode Island Bar Association. He assumed the post on July 1, 2008. A resident of North
Theodore ‘Ted’ Remley Jr. has been named an American Counseling Association Fellow for his extensive service and scholarship contributions to the counseling profession. One of the highest awards the ACA grants, fellows are members of professional distinction who have been recognized for significant and unique contributions in professional practice, scientific achievement and governance, or teaching and training, and have made important contributions to the counseling profession. Remley is an education professor at Old Dominion University.

Col. Wendy L. Kelly was the subject of a two-part series in the Philadelphia Inquirer during December 2007. The newspaper examined her transition from federal prosecutor in Philadelphia to the Army’s “executive producer” of America’s forthcoming terrorism trials against 80 detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Kelly’s formal title is director of operations of the Office of Military Commissions. She is charged with supervising a process that includes drafting terrorism-trial rules, reviewing proposed formal charges against detainees, and construction of a state-of-the-art courthouse.

Joseph A. LaSala Jr. has been named senior executive vice president, general counsel and secretary for Discovery Communications, the world’s largest nonfiction media company. Based in the company’s Silver Spring, Md., headquarters, LaSala will report to president and CEO David Zaslav. LaSala joins Discovery from Novell, Inc. In his new position, LaSala will be responsible for the legal affairs of the company and will serve as the principal legal adviser to the company’s management team and board of directors. Discovery Communications’ 100-plus worldwide networks are led by the Discovery Channel, TLC, Animal Planet, and The Science Channel. The company reaches more than 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers in more than 170 countries.

Barbara Renk Merlie recently joined Friedman Schuman Applebaum Nemeroff & McCaffery, P.C., of Elkins Park, Pa., where she specializes in municipal law, land use and zoning. She is married to Alfred J Merlie, 1981.

Priscilla Anne Schwab was installed as president of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association, totaling 25,000 members, on June 1 in Wisp, Md. She has been a member of Washington-Rockville Lodge No. 15 since 1996 and serves as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on the Judiciary. Schwab is a senior attorney-adviser with the Department of Labor’s Administrative Review Board.

Paul H. Sighinolfi was appointed by the Maine Supreme Court to chair the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar. The appointment was made in November 2007. Sighinolfi practices with Rudman & Winchell Law Offices in Bangor.

John C. Livengood has joined PinnacleOne as associate vice president of construction claims services in Washington, D.C. An architect and an attorney, Livengood has experience on a variety of projects including office buildings, stadiums, educational institutions, hospitals, wastewater treatment plants, power plants, industrial facilities, correctional facilities, roadways and bridges, high-rise apartment buildings.

Thomas ‘Tom’ Meagher has been named vice chair of the Intellectual Property Owners Association’s intellectual property licensing committee. Meagher is a partner in the intellectual property practice group with the New York City office of Duane Morris. From April 6 through 8, Meagher moderated a Mexico City conference panel on “Technology Commercialization from the University Perspective: How is it
Mary Ann Snow has joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia as an assistant U.S. attorney. She was previously with the Justice Department’s Office of International Affairs, where she was trial attorney. Snow has been assigned to the special proceedings division.

1984

John S. Brunette was appointed as the new chief legal and administrative officer for Bethesda, Md.–based Iridium Satellite. Brunette oversees all of Iridium’s legal and administrative affairs. Working closely with the board of directors and its committees, he serves as a key member of the executive leadership team, and provides a broad-based business and legal perspective on a wide range of strategic, tactical, operational and administrative matters, including corporate law, securities, tax and finance matters, intellectual property, regulatory compliance, international operations, insurance, advertising, litigation, governmental affairs, human resources and capital programs.

Robert C. Sexton is general counsel, international, for Amgen, one of the leading biotech companies and a Fortune 100 company. Sexton lives in Zurich, Switzerland, with his wife, Yesim and their 7-year-old son, Benjamin.

Wayne R. Walker has been appointed to serve as an independent director on the board of directors for the Roo Group, a New York City-based adviser to businesses that desire to leverage their digital media assets. Walker is the managing partner of Philadelphia-based Walker Nell Associates. He has more than 20 years of experience in corporate law and corporate restructuring. Prior to establishing Walker Nell, Walker was the principal of Parente Randolph, LLC, an accounting and consulting firm in Philadelphia. He previously served as senior counsel of DuPont Corporation and as former chairman of global charity for Habitat for Humanity.

1985

William J. Andrlie Jr. is vice president of wireless alliances and spectrum strategy at Northrop Grumman Information Technology in Chantilly, Va.

Clayton Mansfield was the recipient of 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award from Commissioner of Internal Revenue Service for contribution to its LMSB Foreign Resident Compliance Project.

Richard A. O’Connor was named to Connecticut Super Lawyers in 2008 and 2007. Published in all 50 states, Super Lawyers magazine names attorneys in each state who received the highest point totals as chosen by their peers. O’Connor is a co-founder of Sachner & O’Connor of Middlebury, Conn. He was recognized for his work in medical malpractice defense. O’Connor was also recognized by Super Lawyers magazine in 2004–2006 in the New York and New England districts. He and his wife, Beth, are the parents of three children.

Gregory F. Ugalde is president of the T&M Building Company and also serves as a representative in the Connecticut legislature. His oldest daughter, Kathleen, is slated to graduate from Fairfield University in 2009.

1986

Richard C. DesLauriers has been appointed to the position of deputy assistant director of the counterintelligence division for the Federal Bureau of Investigation where he is responsible for all counterintelligence operations conducted by the FBI. DesLauriers is stationed at the bureau’s headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Patrice Genco Nichas and her husband, Peter, are the parents of two children, both currently attending college.

1987

Charles W. Gittins received his United States Parachute Association “A” skydiving license in February 2008. The “A” license is the basic skydiving license. In
April 2008, he qualified for the association’s “B” license as a qualified skydiver trained in free fall and water landings. Gittins resides in Winchester, Va.

**Cherie R. Kiser** has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP as a partner, it was announced in April. She will be managing Cahill’s D.C. office. Kiser has been at the forefront of the expansion of new entrants into the voice and data communications markets since 1990, and has assisted large communications companies in all aspects of their telecommunications and broadband strategies, including the provision of general advice and representation before the FCC and state regulatory agencies. Earlier in her career, Kiser was a senior regulatory attorney for Sprint Communications Company.

### 1988

**Paul T. Ryan** has joined the Atlanta office of Thompson Hine LLP as of counsel in the firm’s employee benefits and executive compensation practice group. Prior to joining Thompson Hine, Ryan was a partner with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. His practice will focus on the design, administration and termination of tax-qualified plans and trusts; analysis of benefit issues and liabilities in connection with corporate mergers and acquisitions; and welfare benefit plan and flexible benefit plan implementation, administration and documentation.

**Robert A. Sanders** was promoted to captain with the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Navy, at a ceremony held April 11, 2008. A former Navy weapons system program contractor, Sanders held defense industry engineering positions working on missile/weapons systems, submarine propulsion systems, and a tactical radio program. After commissioning as a JAG Corps officer, he has served as a legislative counsel in the Navy’s Office of Legislative Affairs and with the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies, which trained visiting Azerbaijan and Nigerian military officers, among many other positions. In addition to his J.D. degree, Sander holds four other master’s degrees. He has numerous service medals and is the father of four children.

**Christopher R. Walsh** was recently named a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Trial lawyers who have demonstrated excellence in advocacy by achieving a trial verdict of $1 million or more are eligible for membership. Walsh is also listed as a Leading American Attorney in the fields of personal injury law and employment law. Walsh and his wife, Nadja Baader, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Tara Christina, who was born on June 14, 2007.

### 1989

**Lisa Scimeca St. Pierre** has been promoted to associate regional director of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration. She is based in the regional office in Philadelphia. The agency’s mission is to protect the integrity of private sector pensions, health plans and other employee benefits.

**Kimberly Hubbard Walton** was appointed assistant administrator for the office of the special counsel for the Transportation Security Administration, it was announced in December 2007. The office oversees the offices of civil rights and liberties, ombudsman, privacy policy and compliance, Freedom of Information Act, sensitive security information and others. Prior to her role as the deputy special counsel, Walton was the ombudsman for TSA, addressing employee concerns and serving as the central point of contact for all inquiries and complaints from the traveling public.

### 1990

**Hon. David W. Cunis** married Michelle (Weiler) Cunis on Oct. 8, 2006. Their son, Matthew David Cunis, was born Sept. 21, 2007. The family resides in Massachusetts.

**Vittorio N. Muzzatti** is the owner of Confidence Title & Escrow, Inc., which opened in January 2006 and is located in Gaithersburg, Md. The company specializes in real estate settlements throughout the D.C. area. It conducts closings in Spanish and English, which has allowed Muzzatti the opportunity to help scores of people to purchase or refinance their home. He and his wife, Lilly, have two girls and a dog named Butterscotch.

**Mark J. Powell** has been awarded the coveted Certification in Criminal Law from the National Board of Trial Advocacy. The designation, coupled with the NBTA Civil Certification he received in August 2006, places him in the very select group of highly specialized attorneys nationwide who have earned dual certifications from the group. The NBTA is accredited by the American Bar Association to certify lawyers in the specialty areas of civil, criminal and family trial advocacy. Powell, a senior partner at Scranton’s historic Powell Law firm, has also been recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by Philadelphia magazine and Pennsylvania Law and Politics. He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of four children.

**Virginia M. Sullivan** lives in central New Jersey with her husband and two children. She works as claims counsel for Axis Insurance Services.

**Mitchell “Mitch” B. Waldman** has been named director of acquisition policy for the Northrop Grumman Corporation. In his new position, Waldman will be responsible for coordinating the company’s efforts related to pending and upcoming acquisition regulations and policy at the U.S. Department of Defense and other government agencies, internal coordination of Congressional activities related to acquisition policy and reform, and representing the company at numerous conferences.
acquisition and related professional associations. Before joining Northrop Grumman, Waldman served as national security advisor to former Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.). Waldman has won the U.S. Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Secretary of Defense General Counsel Outstanding Performance Award and the D.C. City Council of Engineering Societies Architect of the Year award.

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Jennifer M. Blunt advanced to the position of counsel with the Washington, D.C., office of Kutak Rock. She had previously worked as an associate.

Adam M. Mycyk left Chadbourne & Parke in August 2007 to join CMS Cameron McKenna, a large British firm, as a partner in its new Kyiv, Ukraine office.

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Craig V. Burnett was named vice president of Acacia Research Corporation in January 2008. Burnett joins the technology licensing firm from Discovision Associates, a patent licensing company wholly owned by Pioneer Corporation. Having been with Discovision since 1993, Burnett was involved in licensing its optical disc technology to companies located in Japan and Korea. Prior to Pioneer Corporation, he was an attorney with Arnold, White & Durkee and held engineering and marketing positions with Hewlett-Packard, Silvar-Lisco, Texas Instruments and Harris Corporation.

A.B. Cruz III, executive vice president and general counsel for The E.W. Scripps Co, was the subject of a March 26, 2008, profile in In-House Counsel, an online magazine from Law.com. The Scripps Company today employs approximately 9,000 people and most recently reported $353.2 million in net income.

Alice S. Fisher resigned on May 23, 2008 as assistant attorney general of the criminal division for the U.S. Department of Justice. Fisher has served in the position for nearly three years, making her one of the longest-serving assistant attorney generals in criminal history, according to the Justice Department. Fisher focused the criminal division on fraud, public corruption and international organized crime. She developed the National Procurement Fraud Task Force, which brought actions in more than 300 cases in procurement fraud related to the war on terror. During her tenure, the division also led the wide-ranging investigation against Jack Abramoff and brought several enforcement actions against companies under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The mother of two young children, Fisher has not announced her next step.

William J. Gildea III has been hired as vice president of business development for Interactive Intelligence, an Indianapolis-based global provider of unified IP business communications solutions. He is responsible for evaluating acquisition opportunities and for developing new partnerships designed to increase the company’s revenue and growth. Gildea has 15 years of combined experience as a financial analyst and attorney specializing in the communications industry.

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Michael C. DiLorenzo has joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, where he practices in the national security section of the criminal division. DiLorenzo joins the office from the narcotic and dangerous drug section of the criminal division of the Justice Department.

Jennifer H. Pincus has been named as a shareholder and director of Perkins Thompson, P.A. in Portland, Maine, as of Jan. 1, 2008. Pincus and her husband, Josh Silver, are also happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma.

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Christopher R. Concannon has been elected as a new director to the board of the NASDAQ Exchange. He is currently the executive vice president of transaction services for the NASDAQ stock market, where he is responsible for the management and operation of NASDAQ’s transaction services business.

Kathy L. Cooper has joined Sullivan & Worcester to start the firm’s new telecommunications practice in Washington, D.C. She was previously a partner at Swindler Berlin Shereff Friedman.

Charles W. Johnson IV has been promoted to partner in Akin Gump Hauer & Feld’s Washington office, where he practices in the firm’s public law and policy group.

Jonathan B. Kramer was approved on April 8 by President Bush for appointment as a veteran’s law judge at the Board of Veterans’ Appeals. The board holds hearings and renders decisions on behalf of the secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in appeals concerning claims for benefits. Veteran’s law judges are roughly equivalent to administrative law judges. Judge Kramer lives in Derwood, Md., with his wife, Terri, and two daughters, Simone and Risa.

Eileen Lynch O’Hara has joined Malverne Realty Company as an associate broker after taking a sabbatical from the practice of law as deputy borough chief in the family court division of the New York Law Department, where she was a prosecutor for more than seven years. O’Hara resides in Malverne, N.Y., with her husband, Tom, and children, Patrick (8), Brendan (6), Aidan (4) and Keely Rose (2).

Charles F. Walters was named a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Seyfarth Shaw. He represents and counsels employers from many different
industries on the full range of employment and labor law matters. Walter’s traditional labor law work includes arbitrations; collective bargaining; NLRB and court litigation; assisting employers in connection with strikes, picketing, handbilling and other economic weapons; counseling on subcontracting, work relocations, permanent and temporary closings, and other management decisions; and assisting employers with organizing and decertification campaigns. Walters also regularly acts as lead counsel in employment cases before federal and state courts and administrative agencies and has tried cases before juries and arbitrators.

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John W. DiNicola and his wife, Brigette, are the proud parents of Ryan Parke, born on April 18, 2006, and Marin Fiona Grace, born on Nov. 1, 2007.

Sheryl D. Hanley has been elevated to counsel with the global law firm Edwards Angell Palmer and Dodge. She is a member of the litigation department and practices in the firm’s Providence, R.I., office. Hanley exclusively represents management in labor and employment matters, including Department of Labor investigations, proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board, labor arbitrations and collective bargaining. She also represents employers before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and state human rights agencies to defend against discrimination claims.

Joseph A. Hennessey was quoted by Abajournal.com for a story titled “D.C. Area Law Firm Sues Over Outsourced Legal Work, Alleges Privilege Issue,” posted online May 23, 2008. Hennessey, a name partner in the Bethesda, Md.-based firm of Newman McIntosh & Hennessey, explained that his firm filed a lawsuit against the federal government because the outsourcing legal work to India permits the U.S. government to intercept confidential documents, violate attorney-client privilege and the constitutional rights of those accused of wrongdoing. The government interception is possible because the National Security Agency is free to spy on foreign companies, due to a lack of constitutional restraints on the government’s overseas activities. “We are really heading toward a collision between globalized economic interests and the limited extension of constitutional rights,” Hennessey said.

Gregory P. Hilton has opened a new law practice in Gardez, Afghanistan. He was recalled to active duty with the U.S. Navy in November 2007. Hilton mentors senior officers in the Afghan National Army. He expects to return to the United States in November 2008.

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Laura R. Biddle joined the financial services group in Alston & Bird’s Washington, D.C., office as of counsel. She was previously an associate at Thacher Proffitt & Wood.

Kevin I. Goldberg is president-elect of the Maryland Trial Lawyer’s Association. Goldberg practices with Goldberg, Finngan & Mester, LLC, in Silver Spring, Md.

Rita C. O’Brien was promoted to administrative judge at the Defense Legal Services Agency, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals. The office is a part of the Department of Defense. Her promotion was effective March 3, 2008.

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Michael C. Dell’Angelo was named as a shareholder in the law firm of Berger & Montague, P.C., in Philadelphia, where his practice concentrates on antitrust, securities and complex commercial litigation. Dell’Angelo was also named by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine as a “Rising Star,” an honor conferred on the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state who are age 40 or younger.

Matthew E. Haggerty has been named chief executive officer of Times-Shamrock Communications, a nationwide media organization based in Scranton, Pa., which now owns 42 print properties, 17 radio stations and a distribution company. Haggerty had been general manager of Times-Shamrock Interactive Media since December 2006. A former law clerk, private firm associate and assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Haggerty left the practice of law five years ago to join Times-Shamrock Communications.

Commander Sean P. Henseler (U.S. Navy JAG Corps) and Major Eugene Y. Kim (U.S. Army JAG Corps) are both currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Henseler is assigned to Multi-National Forces Iraq, while Kim is assigned to Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq. Henseler and Kim are scheduled to redeploy from Iraq in the early summer of 2008. Henseler will be returning to his home station at the Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I., while Kim will be assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate for U.S. Forces Korea in Seoul, Korea.

Mandinea ‘Mondi’ Kumbula-Fraser and her husband, Andre, welcomed a son named Farai Anesu Fraser in July 2007. He joins his older brother, Sekayi Anesu Fraser, born in July 2005.
Todd E. Lehder has been named counsel with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., of Woodbridge, N.J. Lehder joined the firm in 2000 and concentrates his practice in commercial real estate transactions, real estate finance, construction law and commercial leasing. He is a member of the firm’s commercial real estate team and part of its redevelopment strategic business unit.

Nicole Duca Sullivan has expanded her practice and now employs four full-time attorneys. Homan & Sullivan, P.C., of Westborough, Mass., specializes in workers’ compensation, SSDI and civil litigation. She and her husband, Todd, are the proud parents of a daughter, Regan, born on Nov. 23, 2006. Regan joins twin brothers, Cameron and Luke, who turned 5 on Feb. 22, 2008.

Joycelyn Y. Tate was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company. Her appointment was announced by the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission in March 2008. USAC administers Universal Service Fund, a fund that is responsible for providing access to affordable telecommunications services throughout the United States. As a member of the Board of Directors, Tate is responsible for managing the business of USAC.

Armand J. Zottola III has been elected to partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Venable. He practices with the business transactions group. Zottola was previously an associate with the firm.

Anthony F. Archeval recently joined the staff of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs within the FBI as an attorney-adviser overseeing internal employment discrimination investigations and providing legal counsel and training to FBI managers throughout the country on employment related issues. Archeval and his wife, Kristina, celebrated the birth of their second son, Matteo Johannes Archeval, on Feb. 3, 2007.

Matthew J. Bester announces the launch of his company, www.sidewalkguides.com, that offers downloadable audio walking tours of Washington, D.C.

Michelle J. Dickinson has been promoted to partner in DLA Piper’s Baltimore office. She practices in the litigation group. Dickinson has extensive experience representing clients in commercial and product liability matters. She has litigated matters involving breach of warranty, fraud, construction defect and consumer protection claims; mortgage lending laws; securities class actions; restrictive covenants in employment agreements; challenges to wills and guardianship; wrongful death claims; and sexual harassment claims.

Alexandra C. Gaugler, a senior associate at the Philadelphia law firm of Miller, Alfano and Raspanti, P.C., has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Board of Directors. The organization has a membership of nearly 800 private criminal defense practitioners and public defenders. Gaugler will serve on its continuing legal education committee, which plans and implements criminal law CLE’s throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Maria A. Hall has been promoted to senior counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of Jackson & Campbell. She is with the firm’s insurance coverage practice group.

Matthew A. Martel has been admitted to the partnership of the global law firm of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge. Martel is a member of the firm’s litigation department and practices in the firm’s Boston office. He focuses his practice in the area of business litigation. Martell represents both publicly and privately held companies in a variety of matters, including securities class actions, shareholder derivative claims, and litigation arising from mergers and acquisitions, and other shareholder and partnership disputes.

William J. Meyer recently accepted the position of vice president and general counsel with Shambaugh and Son, the third-largest specialty contractor company in the United States and a subsidiary of EMCOR, a Fortune 500 company. His new position is based in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where the family has relocated. Meyer and his wife, Michelle, recently celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary. They are the parents of twin daughters, Morgan and Kiera, 5, and a son, John Paul, 2.

Paul M. Rivard was promoted to senior partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Banner and Witcoff, an intellectual property boutique firm. Rivard is with the firm’s patent preparation and prosecution practice.

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Kymberly Hankinson Hernandez serves as employment counsel for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP in Wilmington, Del.
Douglas ‘Doug’ Mullen joined the Air Transport Association as a senior attorney in May 2007.

Kristine Maciolek Small and her husband, Kevin, are the proud parents of Gavin Joseph Small, born Jan. 8, 2008. Maciolek Small is currently a practicing in-house attorney for Toll Brothers, Inc., a residential homebuilder.

2000
Elizabeth M. Burke has been elected partner at the Washington, D.C., office of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP.

Joseph L. Felber has been appointed in-house patent counsel at SanDisk Corporation, Kfar Saba, Israel.

D. Randall Gilmer has been elected president of the Michigan lawyers chapter of the Federalist Society for 2008. Gilmer also has recently been appointed to the board of directors of the Dr. Charles Drew Academy, a public charter school located in Ecorse, Mich. Gilmer continues to work at Kupelian Ormond & Magy, P.C., in Southfield, Mich., focusing on police liability defense.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Candace L. Hunstiger was among six members of the 11th Wing at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., to receive Judge Advocate General Awards for outstanding service. Hunstiger specifically received the Air Force District of Washington Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year Award. The annual award is given to an officer who demonstrates excellence, initiative and devotion to duty. She is the deputy staff judge advocate. Hunstiger was deployed to Diego Garcia in 2005 and to Iraq in 2007. She was promoted to major in April 2008.

Francis J. “Tripper” Ortman III was named a partner in the labor and employment department of Seyfarth Shaw. He practices in the firm’s San Francisco office. Ortman represents and counsels both public and private sector employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. His experience includes the defense of major wage and hour, discrimination and unfair competition class actions, as well as the defense of employers in a variety of claims arising out of alleged violations of the California Labor Code and the FLSA.

Steven B. Weinberg has been appointed vice president of legal affairs for Kerio Technologies, Inc., a provider of award-winning Internet security and messaging software. Weinberg brings more than 15 years of operations and management experience in a large international organization and eight years of legal experience advising global corporate clients in M&A, transactional, employment and corporate practice.

2001
Heather Frederick Himes has relocated to Orlando, Fla., and is practicing in the real estate section of the firm of Akerman Senterfitt. Her practice focuses on land use and zoning and green development. Himes and her husband, Mike, welcomed a second daughter to the family, and are now the parents of Riley and Alina.

Timothy I. Kelsey was named partner with the Charlottesville, Va., law firm of Boyle, Bain, Reback & Slaton effective Jan. 2, 2008. He specializes in real estate, estate planning, corporate law, zoning and conservation easements.

Capt. Richard ‘Rich’ O’Brien is currently serving as an Air Force Judge Advocate. He is employed as a litigation attorney at the labor law field support center in Arlington, Va. O’Brien was deployed to Baghdad as a detainee operations attorney during the first half of 2007. He is married with an 18-month-old son and a second child on the way.

Dana J. Thompson was hired as director of federal relations to Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley in April 2007. Thompson and his wife, Shera, had a son, Chace Arthur, on Jan. 5, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

2002
Hugo J. Alfaro was selected in November 2007 to the District of Columbia Superior Court criminal justice act panel as a provisional member of the United States Panel.

Ryan M. F. Baron and Christy Marie Lopez, 2002, are the parents of Maxton Michael Baron, born Oct. 12, 2007. The couple was married in October 2007. Baron is a deputy in the county counsel’s office in his native Orange County where he practices in the areas of land use and communications law. Lopez is an associate with the city attorney law firm of Aleshire & Wynder, LLP where she represents cities in the areas of public law, labor and employment, and communications law.

Myles J. Edwards joined Access International Advisors LLC, a New York City-based $4 billion hedge fund in April 2007. He is general counsel and chief compliance officer. Edwards oversees legal and compliance activities in the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Guernsey. He monitors the activities of related entities in the Bahamas and London. Edwards is regarded as a noted expert and speaker on international alternative investment regulatory schemes.

Angela M. Pegram has joined the office of the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, where she works in the misdemeanor unit of the general crimes section. Pegram was the managing editor of the Catholic University Law Review. Following graduation, she joined the law firm of Jones Day as an associate. In 2004, Pegram left the firm to serve as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Richard J. Leon, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Since 2005, Pegram has worked as an associate at Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering Hale & Dorr, where she represented clients in criminal and civil investigations.
2003

Gary W. Desper was appointed in February 2008 by Maryland Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler as an assistant attorney general. Desper provides legal counsel and representation in the areas of real estate, personnel and procurement law to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in Crownsville, Md. Desper and his wife, Chantal, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Garrison Kent Desper, born July 24, 2007, in Columbia, Md. Big sister Sylvia, age 4, happily welcomed the arrival of her little brother.

Conrad J. DeWitte has joined the civil division of the United States Justice Department as a trial attorney in the intellectual property section. Previously, he was an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Baker & Hostetler, LLP and specialized in intellectual property law.

Meryle Freiberg Dunlap and Ted Dunlap are the proud parents of Kaylie Isabel Dunlap, who was born on St. Patrick’s Day, 2008. Meryle continues to work at the law firm of McNamee Hosea as a litigation associate.

Jennifer A. Jackson and William Joseph Miller were married in a private ceremony in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on May 3, 2008.

Steven E. Kaplan was hired as a lateral associate by Washington, D.C.–based Littler Mendelson, P.C., in June 2007.

Jared N. Leland is an attorney with the Pittsburgh, PA office of Keeverian Weiss Bauerle & Hirsch LLC, where he practices within the corporate practice group and is the founder and chair of its entertainment law practice group.

Grayson and Chiarra-May Stratton have recently welcomed their second child, Mac. Their daughter, Jorja, is approaching her 2nd birthday. Gray also recently left the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s division of enforcement to join the litigation group at DLA Piper LLP in Washington, D.C.

Devin M. Swaney has joined the New York City office of Winston & Strawn LLP as a capital markets attorney. Swaney is a certificate graduate of CUA’s Securities Law Program and began his career with the National Association of Securities Dealers.

Thomas Vecchio has been named among the “Pennsylvania Rising Stars” as voted by his peers and facilitated by Law & Politics and Philadelphia magazine. Vecchio is an associate with the Philadelphia firm of Dilworth Paxson and concentrates his practice on complex civil litigation, First Amendment issues and insurance coverage disputes.

Mark P. Williams has accepted a position as a professional legal volunteer with the Parque Nacional Galapagos, working in the development and enforcement of fishery and tourism laws aimed at conservation of the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador. His wife, Rebecca, is serving as a development manager for the Fundacion de Charles Darwin.

2004

Lisa Lee Boemmel married her husband, Chris, on Nov. 21, 2007, in Las Vegas. Boemmel works in the assistant attorney general’s office for the state of Florida.

Timothy P. Kilgore has joined Jackson & Campbell’s Washington office as an associate in the firm’s insurance coverage practice group. Before joining the firm, Kilgore was an associate at Eccleston and Wolf in the firm’s D.C. office.

Brenna Steinert Lenchak and her husband, Emil Lenchak, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Charlize Emma, on March 26, 2008.

Carolyn M. Maro was named to the 2007 “Rising Stars” list, compiled by Philadelphia magazine and Law & Politics Media. The “Rising Stars” list was published in December 2007, in conjunction with the release of the annual “Super Lawyers” issue of the magazine. Maro is an attorney with Curtin & Heefner LLP, one of Bucks County’s oldest law firms.

Petula Alston Metzler was elected to a four-year term on the board of directors of the Prince William County, Va., Bar Association in January 2008.

Sheila M. Power is currently a realtor with Coldwell Banker, working in partnership with her husband, Larry Chartinietz.

Cory L. Zajdel is an associate with the Towson, Md., firm of Quinn, Gordon & Wolff, Chtd., where he represents consumers in class action litigation in federal district and appellate courts across the country, as well as in Maryland state court. Zajdel co-authored briefs in three recently published opinions: Heath v. Stewart Title Guaranty Company, Woods v. Stewart Title Insurance Company, and Benway v. Resource Real Estate Services. He also was co-author of a amicus brief to the Maryland Court of Appeals which was signed by a coalition of civil rights groups, that supported the recovery of a reasonable attorney fee under a shifting statute for appealing an adverse trial court proceeding.

2005

Alicia Ray Cobb and her husband, Gary, welcomed their daughter, Raya Lynn, on June 28, 2007. The family resides in Quinntico, Va.


Dana R. Davis began as assistant public defender with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in Prince Georges County in of November 2007.

Nicole D. DeCostello and Peter C. Cole, 2005, were married on Dec. 1, 2007, at The Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, N.J. Other 2005 CUA graduates in attendance were Jared...
Greenstein, Aaron Lee, Grace Chan, Melissa D’Ambrose, Mandi Werner, Machalagh Proffit-Higgins and Brendan Carr. The couple spent three weeks honeymooning in Thailand and now reside in Glen Ridge, N.J. Cole is an investigating attorney with the New Jersey Bureau of Securities. DeCostello is an associate with the law firm of Carroll, McNulty & Kull, L.L.C.

Marina Mogil Kozmycz was promoted to captain, United States Air Force, in April 2007. She married David Kozmycz on Dec. 17, 2007.

Stephen J. O’Connor has joined the Austin, Texas, office of Tindall & Foster, P.C., where he specializes in immigration law. He is married to Yingying Zhang-O’Connor.


Jessica Aspinwall Springsteen and her husband, George, welcomed their second child, George Aspinwall Springsteen, on Nov. 9, 2007. They also have an 18-month-old son named Lucas.

2006


Cecilia Jardon McGregor has joined Social Security Administration’s National Hearing Center as an attorney-adviser.

R. Alex DuFour, 2006
brother-in-law of William Cannon

Molly Cannon, 2007
sister of William Cannon

Edward Liu, 2007
brother-in-law of William Cannon

Silverio Coy, 1983
father of Jonathan Coy

Amy Hogan-Burney, 2004
wife of Keith Burney

Daniel P. Kelliher, 1995
cousin of Sean Patrick Daly

Terrance P. Dailey, 1993
uncle of Meaghan Fitzgerald

Kristen A. Holt, 2006
sister-in-law of Margo E. Hennigan

All in the Family
Graduation Class of 2008

Francisco Hernandez Jr., 1990
uncle of Estela Hernandez

David P. Langlois, 1970
uncle of Malcolm L. Langlois

Melissa K. Ngaruri, 2007
wife of David W. Ngaruri Kenney

John Whelley, 1974*
uncle of Justin W. McCabe

William J. Roberts Sr., 1981
father of Sarah Roberts

Robin Schachter, 1977
father of Neil Schachter

Paul Versaw, 1973
father of Greg E. Versaw

Stephen Margeton
father-in-law of Matthew Bernt
(Director of the Law Library)

*deceased
In Memoriam

1938
Edward A. Dent Jr. passed away on March 6, 2008, at his home in Washington, D.C. Married to Elizabeth Cox for more than 69 years; he is survived by six children, 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

1941
John Edward “Jack” Ritzert, 89, a Defense Department division chief, died of congestive heart failure Feb. 4, at his home in Lewes, Del. He was a longtime resident of Fairfax City and Lewes. Born in Dayton, Ohio, his family moved to Washington in the late 1920s. Mr. Ritzert’s career with the federal government began in 1943, when he joined the Office of Strategic Services. He remained with its successor, the Central Intelligence Agency, until 1961, when he began working for the Air Force. During this time, he played a key role in the review of government security policies that were critical in the establishment of commercial flights between the United States and the Soviet Union. Mr. Ritzert received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal from Secretary of Defense Harold Brown. He retired in 1980, but continued to work with the Department of Defense until 1985. He had a lifelong love of traveling, fishing, boating, music and good food and was a voracious reader. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Mary Elizabeth Cleary “Betty” Ritzert of Fairfax City and Lewes, five children and six grandchildren.

1973
George Didden III died on Dec. 21, 2007, at his home in Chevy Chase, Md., from complications due to sepsis. He was 62. On the day before his death, Mr. Didden and his wife, Kathryn, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. For more than four decades, Didden worked with his father, George Jr., and three brothers at the D.C.-based National Capital Bank of Washington, one of the oldest financial institutions in the area. An attorney and banker, Mr. Didden succeeded his father as chairman and chief executive officer of the bank in 1995 and held those positions until his death. Throughout his career, Mr. Didden served on the boards of numerous industry groups and other business and civic organizations. He was president of the District of Columbia Bankers Association from 1983 to 1984. He later was on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

1988
Robert A. Spar, 44, died on April 15, 2008, after battling gastrointestinal cancer. A partner in the Baltimore office of Philadelphia-based Saul Ewing LLP, Spar was well known for his work in the technology community. Spar helped found the Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards in 2000, and co-chaired the transactions and strategic alliances team of Saul Ewing’s life science practice. Spar’s legal expertise ranged from transactional work like mergers and acquisitions to federal, state and local taxation. His community work included serving on the boards of directors for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Research Park and the Greater Baltimore Technology Council. Spar is survived by his wife, Anne, and three daughters: Jennifer, 6; Nicole, 4; and Lindsey, 2.

Maia C. Miller is among 12 new assistant U.S. attorneys who have joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. Miller has been assigned to the domestic violence misdemeanor unit. She was previously a clerk for Judge Randy Bellows in the Fairfax County Circuit Court, Va.

John L. Schlageter was appointed general counsel with the Archdiocese for the Military Services in September 2007. The Archdiocese for the Military Services USA spans the globe in its ministry to active duty military and their families. All pastoral needs and concerns are responded to by the staff of the Archdiocesan offices, located in Washington, D.C.

Rebecca N. Schwartz is engaged to Jeff Hanscom. Schwartz is a manager with the regulatory and government affairs office of the Telecommunications Industry Association.

Emily C. Scruggs is among 12 new assistant U.S. attorneys who have joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. Scruggs has been assigned to the misdemeanor section. She was previously a clerk for Judge John Fisher of the D.C. Court of Appeals.


Jori Frahler Tulkki moved to San Diego, Calif., in August 2007 to accept a job with Gen-Probe Incorporated, a molecular diagnostic company. Tulkki is the associate director for government and corporate affairs, and lobbies on issues pertaining to federal, state and local matters that affect the company. She married Mark Tulkki in July 2007.

Dr. Remy Yucel has been advising U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch on intellectual property matters including
work on the Patent Reform Act, performance rights, orphan works and design piracy legislation. She has also provided legal and scientific counsel to Hatch on follow-on biologics legislation. Yucel has joined the ranks of the senior executive service as a director at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the area of biotechnology and chemistry.

2007

Danielle M. Benoit has accepted a position as an associate in the telecommunications practice group at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Washington, D.C.

Alexis E. Buckhannon has accepted a new position as an attorney in the office of the chief counsel at the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

Elizabeth F. Getman joined Sandler, Reiff & Young PC, an election and campaign finance law firm, in November 2007. She submitted her first merits brief to the United States Supreme Court in Feb. 2008 as co-counsel in Davis v. FEC, a campaign finance case challenging a particular provision of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act. In August 2008, Getman will begin serving as co-chair of the election law committee of the ABAs Administrative Law Section.

Anna Rallis Kouba has joined Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C., as an associate in the real estate group.

John C. Luke Jr. was a guest on NBC’s Today show on Feb. 15, along with his client Raelyn Campbell, who is suing Best Buy for $54 million for the loss of her personal laptop computer. Campbell had brought the machine in for repairs. She alleges that the company lost it along with her most valuable personal files, and then gave her the runaround for months as she tried to establish what happened to her property.

Lt. Katie A. Moulthrop was stationed at Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu, Hawaii, in November 2007. She is currently the chief of administrative law. She became engaged in December 2007 and will wed in Oklahoma City in September 2008.

Melissa A. Parham passed the July 2007 Arizona bar exam. She was recently appointed as an assistant attorney general for the state of Arizona, working in the criminal appeals section.

Joseph W. Taylor has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Fish & Richardson P.C. as an associate, it was announced in January. Taylor practices in the firm’s regulatory and government affairs group. In law school, Taylor was named Best Oral Advocate in the Federal Communications Bar Association’s 2006 National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition.

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Cross Country

Alumni gatherings nationwide

ABA Mid-year Meeting
Dean Miles attended the ABA Dean’s Mid-year Workshop in Santa Monica, Calif., where she was a speaker on a panel workshop titled “The Stages of Deaning.” The law school also held an Alumni & Friends of the Law School Reception at the meeting and other alumni events in the San Francisco Bay area.

First-Year Reception for Day Students

Richmond
On June 2, the Virginia State Bar welcomed a number of CUA Law alumni — many of whom were on hand for the Pre-Swearing In breakfast in their honor. Board of Visitor member Sarrita Cypress, 1990, moved the newest members before the court. Pictured here are Ann Kathryn So, 2007; Catherine Olin, 2007; Cypress; and Christopher Dunn, 2006.

AALS Annual Meeting
Dean Veryl V. Miles joined Professor Ralph Rohner (holding award) as he was presented with the Tri-centennial Medal of Appreciation by Marek Bojarski, (2nd from right) dean of the law faculty at the University of Wroclaw, Poland, for his involvement in strengthening American-Polish educational collaboration. It was awarded to Rohner at a CUA law alumni reception in New York City in January, which was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. Professor Rohner’s wife, Monica, is at far left.

Montgomery County Alumni & Friends Reception
Members of the Montgomery County Bench and Bar at an Alumni & Friends Reception Jan. 16, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda
September 19–20, 2008

Welcome Back Celebration  
Rooftop of The John F. Kennedy Center  
6–9 p.m.

Breakfast in the Atrium  
Law School  
9:30–10:30 a.m.

Dean and Academic Forum  
Walter A. Slowinski Courtroom, Law School  
10:30 a.m.–Noon

CUA Law Community Picnic  
Law School Campus  
Noon–2:30 p.m.

Individual Class Receptions  
Private venues in the District  
7–11 p.m.


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We look forward to seeing you in September!
Rising 1D Bryan Clark was the subject of a story posted on Washingtonian.com for a series called “Love Stories.” The article recounted the tale of his creative marriage proposal to his wife, Audra, in June 2004.

Rising 2D Stephen Landman’s research paper on bank liability for transferring money to terrorists was published on the Web site of the International Assessment and Strategy Center on Feb. 2, 2008.

Rising 2D Camilla McFarlane is the first recipient of the Norman Dorsen Fellowship. Created by New York University law professor Norman Dorsen, the fellowship allows for student support of the Society of American Law Teachers. SALT is a community of law professors dedicated to assisting faculty and students to develop legal institutions of greater equality, justice and excellence. A student in the CUA general practice clinic, McFarlane is also a member of the school’s Law and Public Policy program, CommLaw Conspectus: Journal of Communications Law and Policy, and serves as community service coordinator for the Black Law Student Association.

Rising 2L Elena Schwieger won first prize in the Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest for the 2007–2008 academic year, an annual competition sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Business Law.

Rising 3E Alejandro Valencia is the author of “Inequitable Results in Transnational Patent Infringement Liability: Closing the Method Loophole,” which was published in the Intellectual Property and Technology Forum, a journal from Boston College Law School.

Four Catholic University law students were selected as the 2008 recipients of the Charles and Louise O’Brien Fellowships. Each of the fellows receives $6,000 in financial support while working in a pro-bono legal capacity during the summer. The fellows are rising second-year student Robert Jasinski and rising first-year students Julie Verratti, Kelly Van Buskirk and Laila Leigh.

A paper published in the Catholic University Law Review was the subject of a Feb. 21, 2008, story by Newsweek online. “Thou Shalt Not Steal? The surprising correlation between payday lenders and conservative Christians” examined the work of professors Christopher Peterson and Steven Graves, which found a correlation between the geographic density of “payday” lenders and the political clout of conservative Christians.
HELPING THOSE WHO HELP OTHERS:
Two New Funds Assist Students Entering Careers in Public Service

The Michael Scott Billingsley Memorial Fund

The Michael Scott Billingsley Memorial Fund was established in 2003 in memory of Michael Scott Billingsley, a member of the Class of 1997, by his parents Michael and Diane Billingsley, to assist young graduates interested in pursuing a career in public service.

With full-time tuition exceeding $30,000 per year, many of today's students will graduate with debt of $100,000 or more. This can be particularly burdensome, as it was for Scott, who decided to forego the large salary of a private law firm in order to serve the public good. Dr. and Mrs. Billingsley, in conjunction with the law school, would like to perpetuate Scott's memory by assisting others who choose to enter public service. The fund was created to help these students by providing assistance in repaying their loans.

The fund recently surpassed the endowment threshold of $50,000 and the law school anticipates making the first award to a graduating student for the summer of 2009.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program

The Columbus School of Law has a long tradition of preparing students to serve the public good through careers in public interest law. This is an embodiment of the law school's commitment to the Catholic tradition of service to the individual and the community. However, positions in this field of law are often low paying in comparison to positions in the private sector. Considering that many of today's students will graduate with debt of $100,000 or more, this can make it difficult for students to consider entering the public interest sector.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program was established to provide financial assistance with loan repayment for students entering careers in public-interest law. In recent years, students have led the way in raising the funds needed to endow the LRAP Fund at the Columbus School of Law. Through an annual student-alumni golf tournament, a used textbook sale, and other activities, the fund has surpassed the $100,000 endowment threshold. The initial award from this fund was made in 2008.

Michael and Diane Billingsley joined Dean Veryl V. Miles at the Reunion 2007 Weekend Celebration.

An annual used textbook sale helps support the Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Honoring Former Faculty Members

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