Dear CUA Law School Community,

During the past two years I have had the pleasure of visiting hundreds of alumni. These visits have taken me across the country and abroad. With each visit, I have become more and more aware of the significant presence of CUA alumni throughout the nation and around the world. The extensive professional reach of Catholic University’s law school alumni is the subject of our cover story this summer.

Although sometimes misperceived as a mid-Atlantic regional law school, CUA is in fact a national law school by several important measures, as explained in this issue.

There are other features in this edition that I hope you will enjoy, including a farewell tribute to alumnus Charles D. Langford, 1952, who was one of the two attorneys who represented Rosa Parks when she refused to relinquish her bus seat in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. In this issue you will also find a look at our just-completed and extremely successful moot court season; a story about interesting sabbatical projects that will be undertaken by five faculty members beginning in the fall; and an essay by Professor Michael Noone on political dissent in the military.

I would also like to share with you a very recent development of which I am quite proud. Our Legal Services Society, established last fall as a permanent new entity, has just finished its maiden project as a pro bono organization. During a week in mid-May, and despite the pressure of final exams and graduation, more than a dozen of our students traveled to Biloxi, Miss., to help with post-Katrina legal relief efforts. The group partnered with the Mississippi Center for Justice to help with projects ranging from client interviews to researching garnishment actions. The CUA students provided basic legal services, as well as more traditional community service activities within the Biloxi region. Several of them kept journals detailing what they learned and saw. It has been said in the media that now the initial post-storm attention has dissipated, the victims of Hurricane Katrina have been forgotten as the world moves on. Our students, however, have not forgotten.

On these and other fronts, the law school continues to progress. On May 4, we officially announced the endowment of the Arthur John Keeffe Memorial Fund at a luncheon in downtown Washington, D.C. Some of you will remember Professor Keeffe, who taught at CUA law from 1955 to 1975. The new scholarship contains more than $76,000 and will make the first disbursements to deserving young students this fall. We extend our deepest thanks to Peter Chepucavage, 1974, and Robert Lord, 1979, who spearheaded the effort to establish and endow the new scholarship fund. The endowment of this fund is a welcome step in our efforts to increase support for our students. More than one-quarter of our students receive scholarship funds from the law school, and it is critical that we expand our ability to attract and retain the most talented students with financial support. As an institution, we cannot arrive at where we need to be without your increased generosity. I thank you in advance for your continued support of the various scholarship funds at the law school that help support our student body.

With best wishes for a healthy and relaxing summer,

Veryl V. Miles
Dean and Professor of Law
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CUA Students Try to Get Hope Surging Along the Gulf Coast

Fourteen students representing Catholic University’s Legal Services Society traveled to Biloxi, Miss., for 10 days in May to provide legal services to recovering victims of Hurricane Katrina. Among other projects, the students assisted the Mississippi Center for Justice in its effort to prevent FEMA from evicting more than 1,000 people from government-subsidized trailer parks, where many were forced to take up residence in the wake of the devastating storm 21 months ago.

The CUA volunteers also lent assistance with insurance claims and videotaped area residents who documented their legal and financial struggles before the camera. Established in the fall of 2006, the Legal Services Society encourages every Catholic University law student to make pro bono service a fundamental component of their career, both in law school and beyond. Many of the students on the Gulf Coast trip kept journals detailing what they saw and learned.

Legal Services Society members asked some area residents (left, woman seated) to share the story of their post-Katrina struggles on camera. Mornings began with a briefing (right) from the Mississippi Center for Justice that outlined the day’s game plan.
Fifteen students from the law school’s Class of 2006 have secured prestigious clerkships in U.S. district courts or courts of appeal. Combined with a number of state court clerkships also held by class members, 13 percent of last year’s graduates enjoyed the opportunity to experience the legal system from the unique vantage point of a judge’s chambers. That number is one of the most successful examples so far of CUA’s clerkship program in action.

Federal judicial clerkships are highly competitive. While it’s taken for granted that a federal law clerk will be smart, capable and hardworking, he or she must also demonstrate discretion and loyalty in order to win the complete trust and confidence of their employer.

“For the right student, a clerkship represents a singular opportunity — both to serve the public and to develop skills that will help the jurist for the rest of his or her career,” says Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge, faculty adviser to the clerkship program. Those are key reasons why the law school’s Office of Legal Career Services places a premium on the clerkship program and invests much time and effort — such as a spring “Nuts and Bolts” explanatory session — to help students prepare for and land available spots.

As CUA Lawyer goes to press, three members of the Class of 2007 have also been selected for federal clerkships: Larissa Cucurullo, the Hon. Francis M. Allegra, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Adam Bitter, the Hon. Andrew S. Effron, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; and Briana Black, the Hon. Peter J. Messitte, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

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Begining in August, the Columbus School of Law will for the first time offer students a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program in six different areas of study. Enrollment is already underway. Applicants can choose among concentrations in Banking and Commercial Law, Communications Law, Securities Law, Trusts and Estates, Comparative and International Law, or Jurisprudence. Each degree program has its own faculty coordinator(s) who prescribes the curriculum and advises students.

Applicants for the LL.M. degree program must have either graduated from a U.S. law school that is approved by the American Bar Association or hold an equivalent degree received from a university not within the United States or Canada. To earn the LL.M. degree, students must complete 24 credit hours on a full- or part-time basis. The program can take either 12 or 18 months to complete.

Offered by an increasing number of American law schools, an LL.M. degree can give recipients a competitive edge in the workplace as it certifies special expertise in a chosen area of law. The six disparate options within CUA’s new program are nonetheless connected by a central idea.

“The LL.M. program, in keeping with the mission of the Catholic Church, seeks to equip its graduates with the moral compass to serve the world through their character, skill and leadership,” says law school Dean Veryl V. Miles.

Although the six new postgraduate degree offerings are designed primarily for American students, the law school has for several years offered an LL.M. degree program in conjunction with the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. This successfully-enrolled program is intended to provide lawyers educated outside the United States with a foundation in American law and the American legal system, and the program requires courses of study in both countries.

Initial enrollment goals for the expanded LL.M. program are modest but expected to grow with recognition of its value. For more information, please visit http://law.cua.edu/llm/index.htm.

Thanks a million…and a half!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students who generously contributed nearly $1.5 million to the Columbus School of Law during the 2006–2007 fiscal year*. Thanks to you, it was another year of growth in overall contributions for the law school, with a 31 percent increase in giving over last year. Contributions to the Law School Annual Fund increased by 21 percent, bringing in a total of $685,000 in unrestricted support for scholarships. This year we also saw an increase in alumni participation. Nearly 16 percent of alumni demonstrated their support of the school by making a gift.

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 Sara Goldberg, annual fund coordinator, at 202-319-4637 or goldberg@law.edu.

*Our fiscal year runs May 1–April 30.
Sept. 28–29, 2007

Celebrating the classes of
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We look forward to seeing you in September!

Friday, Sept. 28
Welcome Back Celebration
Rooftop of Hotel Washington
6–9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Breakfast in the Atrium
Law School
9:30–10:30 a.m.

Dean and Panel Presentations
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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Five on Sabbatical

Like most universities, The Catholic University of America considers professional growth to be an essential part of its contract with faculty members. It enriches professor and student alike and often has the added plus of providing indirect benefits to the institution in terms of reputation and peer recognition.

CUA considers academic leave, or sabbatical, on a case-by-case basis once a faculty member has submitted a proposal detailing how the time off from teaching will be spent. Five law school professors have had their requests for sabbatical approved for all or part of the 2007–2008 academic year. It is a higher than usual number to be on leave at the same time. However, the requests were matched by equally high professional ambitions.

The following five professors will write books and book chapters, conduct research into new areas of law and contribute to international legal education:

Helen Alvaré intends to complete a manuscript for a book about Christian feminism and family law. The subject has been the primary area of her legal scholarship for the past half-dozen years. She has written and spoken extensively on the subject, including seven law review articles, an encyclopedia entry and a book chapter concerning family law. Professor Alvaré has spoken about family issues at two Vatican conferences over the past two years. She has also participated as a member of the Holy See delegations to the U.N. conferences on development and on women during the 1990s. The book aims to explore the intersection of Catholic social teaching with current incarnations of feminism, an approach that Alvaré hopes “might have an appeal to an audience even beyond legal scholars and Catholics generally.” The outline is well developed, and she hopes the granted sabbatical time will bring her book to or near its conclusion.

Susanna Fischer intends to plunge into research on a variety of fronts, including further exploration of the sweeping constitutional reforms implemented by the government of British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Fischer will examine whether it is time for the U.K. to implement a written national constitution. Her work will be submitted to law reviews for publication during the spring of 2008. Professor Fischer also plans to write an article about Catholic social teaching and intellectual property that will expand ideas she first presented during a 2003 Lenten Lecture at the law school. Finally, she intends to use some of her academic leave to develop course materials for students in the Comparative Constitutional Law class that she regularly teaches.
Regina Jefferson will divide her sabbatical time among three major research projects. She will author a book chapter examining the federal treatment of pension law from the perspective of societal benefit, rather than a traditional economic one. In pension law the goal is not to raise money for government expenditures, but to assist individuals in providing for their own retirements. Professor Jefferson has also agreed to co-author (with three other professors) a new pension law textbook. There are few up-to-date textbooks in the field of pension law, and Jefferson’s approach will provide more tax problems for students to work through, as well as a more comprehensive treatment of Social Security. She will also spend some of the fall semester analyzing and writing about the Pension Protection Act, passed by Congress in 2006. Like many of her colleagues, Professor Jefferson will also update and reorganize teaching materials for her regular classes.

Catherine Klein plans to use her academic leave to produce an article or manual, as well as to create supplementary teaching materials for foreign law professors who want to design clinical courses from the ground up in their own institutions. It is the continuation of legal education reform work that Professor Klein has been deeply committed to for 10 years, much of it in Central and Eastern Europe. She is a member of many professional associations and initiatives that aim to further the spread of clinical legal education and its opportunities across the globe. Klein cites “enormous interest” in the topic in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union as a key reason for devoting increased time to producing written materials that address the theory and practice of clinical education suitable for cross-cultural application. As Professor Klein puts it, “Legal education reform is widely viewed as a critical piece of building democratic societies based on the rule of law. This work provides valuable service to the international legal community and helps build important professional relationships.”

Lucia Silecchia will focus her attention on two areas of legal research that often escape the attention of scholars. First, she plans to write a commentary on Pope Benedict’s recent encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, and to explore its implications for attorneys. The work includes a good deal of guidance on the nature of public life and the way in which law and politics can be — or fail to be — an expression of love. Professor Silecchia intends to write something of special interest to legal scholars about what this theology may mean for jurisprudence. She also intends to tackle a quite different subject: moral issues in trust and estate law. For example, while parents are alive, they are legally obligated to support minor children. Yet, they may disinhibit them at death if they so desire. The presence or absence of morality in this and like examples will be a major focus of her paper. Professor Silecchia also intends to spend time updating teaching material for her regular classes, including her time in CUA’s American Law Program in Cracow, Poland, during November 2007.
Feb. 7, 2007 — “The soldier is also a citizen.” This statement, attributed to both George Washington and Napoleon, is one of the fundamental precepts of a democratic society. Citizens in democratic societies are encouraged to express their opinions about the wisdom of their government’s actions and policies.

Does membership in the armed forces somehow limit freedom of expression? And, if it does, how are those limits to be set?

The court-martial of Lt. Ehren Watada for “conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman” in violation of Article 133 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, exemplifies the issue. Watada’s “unbecoming conduct” was publicly criticizing the U.S. military involvement in Iraq.

All democratic societies start from the premise that the military, as an institution, should be politically neutral, subordinate to civilian authorities, and that military superiors should not proselytize their subordinates. However, national treatment of individual soldiers’ expression of political opinion (and, thus, the opportunity to dissent) varies.

“France, Poland and Spain treat the armed forces as ‘La Grand Muette’ in the French tradition, putting extensive restrictions on soldiers. Belgium, Italy and the United Kingdom take a more lenient, yet still restrictive, approach, while Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands not only tolerate but also support political activities to a certain extent,” reports Georg Nolte in the book “European Military Law Systems.”

The U.S. Uniform Code of Military Justice is based on the 1776 American Articles of War, which were drawn almost verbatim from the British Code, so we can expect to see in both a “more lenient but still restrictive approach” to military expressions of political opinion.

The American articles, like their British model, restrained speech in ways quite unthinkable in the civilian community. Profanity was prohibited in the articles as “traitorous or disrespectful words against the United States in Congress assembled, or the legislature of any of the United States in which [the soldier or officer] be quartered,” as well as “reproachful or provoking speech or gestures.”

Subsequent versions of the articles retained these offenses.

In practice, they were rarely enforced. Col.

Michael Noone

In June 2006, U.S. Army Lieutenant Ehren Watada became the first commissioned officer in America’s armed forces to publicly refuse deployment to Iraq. When time came for his unit’s assigned rotation to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Watada said he believed the war to be illegal and that, under the doctrine of command responsibility, it would make him party to war crimes. The army began court-martial proceedings. Both supporters and opponents of the war seized upon the 29-year-old officer’s case as a way to magnify the underlying issue: What are the duties, rights and responsibilities of the soldier-citizen? A widely quoted expert on military law, CUA law’s Professor Michael Noone offers the following analysis of the Watada case and how the issues it raised affect all Americans. This op-ed was first published by ABC News online on Feb. 7, 2007, the same day that Watada’s court-martial ended in a mistrial.

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Ehren Watada, center, speaks to reporters and supporters.
William Winthrop, who prepared his Military Law and Precedents in 1886, was unable to find any instances of punishment for political speech until the Civil War. In that war, although there were instances of courts-martial for disrespect toward military superiors, journalists routinely quoted unnamed subordinates’ allegations of their superiors’ incompetence.

Long after the war, air power advocate Gen. William “Billy” Mitchell was court-martialed in 1925 for the opinions he expressed in a press release in which he accused the war and naval departments of “incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration of the national defense.” The language was considered “conduct of a nature to bring discredit upon the military service.” Mitchell was convicted and sentenced to five years’ suspension from duty without pay or allowances, which the president reduced to half pay. Mitchell resigned, but internal dissent continued unabated.

Permitted “griping” reached its apogee in World War II when enlisted cartoonist Bill Maudlin said, “The few cartoons I had done about a general had a definitely insubordinate air about them.” While there were regulations requiring a censor’s permission before classified information could be discussed, the military made no institutional effort to restrain expressions of opinion or comment on unclassified matters until the inception of the Cold War.

During the Vietnam era there were three noteworthy U.S. trials involving service members’ expressions of opinion. All involved officers, which suggests that officers are considered to have obligations that restrict their public speech in circumstances that would not restrain an enlisted person.

In the first of these cases, U.S. v. Howe (1967), Lt. Howe was convicted of two offenses involving the use of a sign he carried in an anti-war demonstration, which violated Article 88 (contemptuous words directed against the president; a similar charge against Watada was dropped before trial) and Article 133. His commanding general reduced the punishment to dismissal (the equivalent for officers of a dishonorable discharge) and confinement to hard labor for a year.

In 1971, Capt. Thomas Culver, an Air Force lawyer, was convicted and sentenced to dismissal and a fine for participating in an anti-war demonstration in London. Because he had served honorably in Vietnam, Culver was not sentenced to imprisonment.

Earlier, in 1968, Capt. Howard Levy, a physician required to serve because of his participation in an Army scholarship program, was convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer for telling the special forces enlisted men he was expected to train that they were liars and thieves and killers of peasants and murderers of women and children.

He expressed the hope that “when you get to Vietnam, something happens to you and you are injured.” These opinions — routinely expressed by civilian opponents of the war — led to Levy’s conviction of dismissal, and a three-year sentence to confinement.

Levy challenged his conviction, claiming that Articles 133 and 134 (conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, of which he was also convicted) were unconstitutionally vague.

In Parker v. Levy (1974), six members of the Supreme Court concluded that “While members of the military are not excluded from the protection guaranteed by [the Constitution’s free speech provisions in] the First Amendment, the different character of the military community and of the military mission requires a different application of those protections.

“The fundamental necessity for the imposition of discipline may render permissible within the military that which would be constitutionally impermissible outside it.” Three justices disagreed, concluding that they could not “believe that such meaningless statutes as these could be used to send men to prison under a Constitution that guarantees due process of law.”

This is the context in which the Watada case is being tried. He’s an officer who criticized his military and civilian superiors’ policies in a public forum. Precedent suggests he will be convicted and dismissed. His military record, his lawyer’s skill, the jury’s mood and his commanding general will determine whether he will be imprisoned as well.

Precedent also suggests that post-trial challenges, claiming that he was treated unfairly, will also fail. Yes, the soldier is also a citizen, but he must take extraordinary care about the circumstances surrounding his expression of dissent.
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, however, they had some extra motivation. In recognition of the 40th anniversary of their 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 alumni and members of the Board of Visitors Larry Pilot, 1967, and Stanley Samorajczyk, 1967, challenged the Class of 2007 to reach at least 50 percent participation in their Graduation Class Gift. As an incentive, they each pledged to contribute an additional $5,000 to benefit the Law School Annual Fund and be added to the class gift total, but only if the class reached its 50 percent goal.

The Class of 2007 rose to the challenge with more than 55 percent of students making a gift or pledge. Their commitments, combined with the challenge gifts, will result in more than $67,000 for various law school programs over the next five years and have set a new record for both participation and dollars raised for a Graduation Class Gift.

We extend our thanks to Larry Pilot and Stanley Samorajczyk for leading by example and also to the Graduation Class Gift Leadership Committee 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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Michael Bailey
Jeffrey Barile
Robert W. Bartlett
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Edmund Bender
Danielle Benoist
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Julie Mummm
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Jodi L. Peters
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Philip Raskin
Dan Renart
Kathryn Rogers
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Remy N. Savin
Matthew Schuyler
Abagail Schwartz
Kevin Schwartz
Virginia Scibabbyrasi
Alison Shea
Daniel Smith
Vania A. Smith
Allison Steinle
Erica Stevens
Sabrina Streagle
Andrew Swanekeph
Drew Tanenbaum
Joseph Taylor
Andrew Van Haute
Nicholas Veshka
Rachel Viglianti
Cynthia Wierzbiicki
Diana Witherspoon
Jamie Wolszon
John R. Zoesch

*2007 Graduation Class Gift Committee Members
Influence that is felt across the globe is surely one definition of a truly national law school. There are others, such as the academic impact of its faculty, the ‘copycat’ effect of its curriculum on fellow law schools, as well as the diversity of practice specialties exhibited by its graduates. By any of these measures, The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law is deservedly heading toward a coast-to-coast reputation.

The sheer scope of the law school’s reach may not be fully appreciated even by its own alumni. To be sure, a sizable number of Columbus School of Law graduates choose to settle in the greater Washington, D.C., area. Approximately one-third of its more than 10,000 alumni are relatively ‘local.’ But the remaining two-thirds can be found in every state in the nation and in many countries across the world.

They are men and women who have put their legal training to creative and diverse uses. A small sampling of Catholic University’s alumni base turns up a former mayor of Waterbury, Conn.; a judicial clerk in Anchorage, Ala.; securities expert in London; an influential economic adviser in the Philippines, the general counsel of the Arizona Cardinals football team; the senior civilian attorney for the U.S. Army Pacific; and an adviser who’s helping to integrate Albania’s laws in the European Union’s framework. One soon-to-be alumnus endured torture in Kenyan jails for labor-organizing tea farmers in his country. He will soon publish a book about his long struggle for political asylum in America.

No matter how far alumni have roamed from their law school experience in the nation’s capital, many seem to carry a piece of CUA law with them still, staying engaged in national and international legal issues and following a passion for justice that was first fanned into a blaze on a beautiful, leafy campus in northeast Washington, D.C.

In the following pages, take some time to reacquaint yourself with classmates and fellow alumni who have stretched themselves in wonderful ways and, by fortunate extension, contribute to the growing stature of a national law school: the Columbus School of Law.
In any language, the word “can’t” is missing from Suzanne Wolfe Martin’s vocabulary. Whether casework takes her to Belgium, Copenhagen, Turkey, China, Libya, Egypt or anywhere else that her skills as an international arbitrator are required, Martin has established a highly successful practice and reputation throughout dozens of countries as an attorney who gets it done right.

She jets easily around the globe today, but her journey to this accomplished stage of life did not always follow a smooth glide path. Born in New York City, Suzanne Wolfe Martin graduated from the Columbus School of Law in 1964, the only woman in her class. Divorced and already the mother of three, job offers didn’t exactly come flooding in. It was often suggested that she would make a fine secretary somewhere. “When I graduated, there were almost no interviews. I didn’t have any connections,” says Martin.

Although Martin had been an honors intern in the Kennedy Administration’s Justice Department during law school, her interest in staying there deflated when she was told that no female attorneys would be permitted to travel to the turbulent civil rights battlegrounds of Alabama and Mississippi.

Instead, she packed up her young children and moved to Paris, intending to polish her résumé with a little international legal education. But the sexism of the times continued to nip at her heels, and in the end, passed over as a woman by big European law firms, Martin decided to stay on in Paris and hang out her own shingle. It turned out to be a wise decision.

Over the ensuing 40 years, Martin built a remarkably successful practice in international arbitration. Much of her work has centered in Eastern Europe, but she has practiced in front of the arbitration courts of at least 20 nations. Martin is often lead counsel on her cases, where English as her mother tongue has come in quite handy. Along the way, Martin has served as a member of the International Chamber of Commerce and as a consultant to a well-known NGO specializing in causes of interest to Jews. Today, she is also consulting counsel to a Czech law firm based in Prague. “I’ve had a very exotic career,” she comments.

Often living out of a suitcase, Martin is truly a world citizen. She has taken Swiss citizenship and calls Geneva home, but she keeps an apartment in Paris as the center of her cultural life. Her four grown and very accomplished children have migrated back to the United States and given her nine grandchildren, making America another frequent destination for a successful attorney who puts her family first.

“I love what I do, and I really have a good time. But one shouldn’t sacrifice family and social life just to have a career,” Martin reflects. “Some of my friends at the big firms are jealous because I’ve had much more of a family life than they have.”

Martin has never practiced law in America, and her contact with the law school has been infrequent over the years. But she recently had the occasion to return to CUA and lunch with some current students. It quickly turned into a mutual admiration society.

“It was impressive being with the students,” Martin says. “I was really taken with the notion that Catholic University is not just training people to become wage slaves in big firms, but to have a more humane and humanistic approach to life.”

The right balance between a career and family has always guided Martin’s life philosophy. Practicing in the increasingly adversarial business of legal arbitration and at an age when many attorneys prepare to retire, Martin has no plans to put herself out to pasture anytime soon.

“I’ve had a good time in life; I can’t complain. I’m still having a good time.”
If Ernest Pierucci is successful, many more Catholic business students will plunge into the world of commerce equipped with a far broader perspective than that of money, markets and economies of scale. Through the integration of Catholic social teaching into the core curriculums, he hopes they will also come to think of their businesses as a social and economic foundation for the common good, viewed first as a community of people and not just an association of capital.

"Business would be seen as a vocation that is in essence 'ethical' in the same sense as law, medicine or education," says the 1975 alumnus and member of the law school’s Board of Visitors.

In addition to building a highly successful legal career representing the retail marine industry, mainly yacht dealers and brokers, Pierucci has spent many years pondering a larger question, one that struck him while he was teaching business law to undergraduates early in his career: How does one inject the soul of the Catholic faith—as expressed through Catholic social teaching—into the classroom in a way that makes sense in the context of an undergraduate business law course? It was not the standard model for a business school curriculum, to say the least, and there was little scholarship or research done on the subject.

Armed with deep understanding and profound respect for both the Western and Catholic intellectual traditions, Pierucci set off like an academic Don Quixote, determined to chart a new course between the business student’s respect for profits and shareholders and an equally deep concern for his fellow human beings. Pierucci views mankind as rational, a synthesis of the physical and the metaphysical, oriented toward the common good and called to holiness and salvation. He identified some intellectual comrades-in-arms and with them was instrumental in establishing the Henning Institute. It was a pioneering organization and one that gradually opened some academic eyes. The institute’s conferences and lectures proposed how Catholic social teaching could influence and animate business education in a serious and scholarly way. People listened, and the effort began to gain traction. Through his work with the Henning Institute, Pierucci was able to join up with the International Symposium on Catholic Social Teaching and Business Management and, later, with the Catholic Business School Project.

The effort to bring Catholic social teaching and business education together at Catholic universities is very much in its early stages. Today, there are 12 Catholic colleges and universities around the nation working, says Pierucci, “to help better define what makes a Catholic business school Catholic.” He is an integral part of the process and continues to provide significant intellectual leadership in the effort.

Over the past 10 years or so, as members of the International Symposium on Catholic Social Teaching and Business Management, Pierucci and his associates have also helped to organize seven international conferences dealing with Catholic social teaching and business education. The largest one yet will be held next year at Notre Dame. Pierucci’s quest has even been noticed by the Vatican, which invited him in 2001 to help mark the 20th anniversary of the encyclical On Human Work. His work continues today, begotten in part by his law school experience more than 30 years ago.

"CUA cultivated an interest in continuing to educate myself in the Catholic tradition. It set a standard of learning and scholarship that I found compelling and that I have tried to maintain.”
Being a “first” is seldom easy, but Coral Wong Pietsch, 1974, has taken it in full military stride. Selected for promotion to brigadier general in 2004 after a 30-year career in the armed forces, she made history by becoming the first woman general in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps and the first Asian-American woman to attain the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army.

“I'm proud of the fact that I serve as a role model for women and minorities. I never realized how important it is that girls and young women know that they can pursue careers and seek nontraditional leadership roles,” she reflects.

Gen. Pietsch is one of the highest-ranking officers in the corps of approximately 1,500 Army judge advocates or military lawyers. Often called the largest law firm in the world, the corps handles matters of law and justice for U.S. service personnel around the globe. Like most officers who have risen through the ranks, Pietsch and her family have been posted around the world, with stops in Korea, Alaska, Japan, Guam and American Samoa. Today, they reside in Hawaii, where Gen. Pietsch also serves as the chair of the state’s civil rights commission.

Born and raised in a small Iowa town, Gen. Pietsch is the daughter of a Chinese immigrant who encouraged his children to seek all of the education they could. She had always attended Catholic schools, and the Columbus School of Law was a natural fit for her. There, she met and married a fellow student, Army officer James Pietsch, in 1972.

“Catholic University reinforced in me that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity,” she recalls. “I owe a lot to the school because it was in the forefront of giving women the opportunity to pursue the profession of law.”

The ratio is quite different today, but in the early 1970s Gen. Pietsch was one of just 20 or so women serving in the Army’s JAG corps. As an institution, the Army was not used to female officers, and Pietsch probably faced more confusion than outright discrimination. For instance, would enlisted men address her as “sir”? (Today, the most common linguistic solution is to address women officers as “ma’am.”)

She undertook every assignment and met every criterion expected of any judge advocate in the Army. Her rank today is the payoff for much hard work and a job well done. Gen. Pietsch believes that America has come a long way toward offering equality to all of its citizens, at least in a legal sense. Changing people’s unspoken attitudes is a more elusive goal and one that she continues to chip away at every day. Well armed with her own talent and courage, one of the Army’s biggest success stories also credits her law school for her remarkable journey. “It gave me the tools with which I could make a difference. People should view the Columbus School of Law as an institution dedicated to forming its students into effective citizens — citizens who strive to improve life for everyone.”

MILWAUKEE
Gordon Giampietro

My Child, My School Choice

Americans have always come to Washington, D.C., to serve, lobby, demonstrate or otherwise try to affect public policy. Gordon Giampietro, 1992, has flipped tradition on its head. A native Washingtonian, he has done the most important policy work of his life in his adopted home town of Milwaukee.

Giampietro wrote the state of Wisconsin’s amicus brief in Simmons v. Zelman-Harris, a historic case in which the United States Supreme Court upheld the
constitutionality of Ohio’s school choice program. As the father of five, he felt passionate about a parent’s right to choose the best possible school for his child.

“Regardless of whether the best school is public, private or parochial, parents get to make that choice. For a country founded on freedom, that strikes me as a fundamental matter of justice and one that re-affirms the primacy of parental authority,” he says.

Ohio served as the litmus test, but the fight for school choice was difficult in Wisconsin, too. Backed by the ACLU and other groups, the state’s teachers’ unions attempted to inject regulations that, according to Giampietro, would have made it all but impossible to send children to religious or parochial schools with taxpayer-funded vouchers. “I met with the governor and key legislators and convinced them that what sounded reasonable both violated the First Amendment and meant the death of school choice,” Giampietro explains. Eventually, he prevailed. The state backed down and today, he says, private schools in Wisconsin are permitted to retain their distinctive identities while allowing parents to choose the one that suits them best.

Acting on personal conviction has always come naturally to Giampietro. A former corporate litigator who made a comfortable living, he switched gears immediately in 2001, fueled by the outrage he felt in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. Giampietro went to work for the Justice Department and is a regional assistant U.S. attorney today. He hasn’t regretted a moment of it.

“It sounds corny, but now I have only one obligation: to do justice. A prosecutor wields tremendous power, and so has a profound obligation to be scrupulously honest and exercise sound judgment. We have the luxury of keeping our eye always on doing what is right, as distinct from doing whatever is necessary to win.”

Law is an ever-shifting battleground, and Giampietro always stands ready to deploy his legal skills on behalf of the professional and personal causes he believes in. The ability to step back and consider the law in its broad context is a skill he honed at CUA, where he earned a certificate from the Comparative and International Law Institute. “[The law school] has a solid tradition of encouraging public service and challenging students to think about the societal consequences of their future work as lawyers,” he says. “That is a position that requires, first and foremost, humility.”

NEW YORK CITY

Vicki Walcott-Edim

“Most pro bono organizations represent individuals on a case-by-case basis. Appleseed works to eradicate systemic societal issues at their core.”

With more than 15 independent law centers around the nation and one in Mexico, Appleseed advocates for and implements innovative programs in the areas of public education, health care, immigrant rights and child welfare. It often aims to course-correct misguided laws and policies at their source, rather than focus only on fixing the damage to individual lives so often caused by ineffective public policy. Its approach to issues and track record of success led American Lawyer Magazine to dub the Appleseed as “Pro Bono’s New Frontier.”

Walcott-Edim is the natural choice to head Appleseed’s high profile new office. She landed there “on loan” as a Jones Day fellow, a position created as the result of a long and close collaboration between her firm and the pro bono venture. As a Jones Day attorney, she worked as an associate in the firm’s labor and employment group. But the desire to build a better world, brick-by-laborious-brick, was always an integral part of her personality. Even while a
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MAKATI CITY, PHILIPPINES
Debra Kertzman

Calling the Consultant

I t requires an up-to-date atlas to follow a career like Debra Kertzman’s. For both developed and transitioning economies around the world, she has earned a reputation as the one to call for expert advice and policy guidance. An international consultant with a strong background in transnational securities regulation, Kertzman, 1985, has left her professional footprints in the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Egypt and Brunei.

For the past five years she has been based in the Philippines as senior financial market specialist with the Asian Development Bank, working to reform and develop better practices in the country’s justice and financial sectors. Kertzman is also overseeing a new project to promote enhanced cooperation among Southeast Asian equity markets.

Despite the added responsibilities of marriage and motherhood over the past several years, Walcott-Edim knew that the path leading back to full-time service to others was the right one to take. From projects such as making health care more affordable for small business owners to offering their employees, to ensuring that attorneys understand the nuances of representing mentally ill clients, there is much work to be done. “I think that I ought to make a difference when I can,” she reflects. “Taking action that leads to positive change rather than lamenting over the state of affairs is a matter that requires more thought, creativity and frankly, responsibility.”

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A LAW SCHOOL'S REACH

ALBANIA

Ermal Frasheri

The International Community

Except perhaps for those who travel there frequently, most Americans have little concept of the amount of planning and effort that has gone into the unification of Europe as a solid trading bloc with a shared economic destiny. Those countries that have elected to join the EU have also chosen to make cultural concessions — in things like laws or national currency, for example — in order to merge seamlessly into the larger whole. Fitting the jigsaw puzzle of dozens of disparate nations into a smooth picture is complicated, but Albania's entry into the EU has been made easier by one of its native sons, Ermal Frasheri.

“I was charged with establishing and running a new department of harmonization of legislation with the EU Standards under the Ministry of Justice,” explains Frasheri. “An unforgettable dimension of my job was negotiating Albania’s accession to NATO, and representing the Ministry of Justice in negotiations with the European Commission and the World Trade Organization, as well as other bilateral international agreements.”

Although not a graduate of Catholic University's law school, Frasheri is nonetheless closely connected to it. He earned his degree at Poland's Jagiellonian University, where he participated in the six-week International Business and Trade Summer Law Program in 1999. Now in its 16th year, the Cracow program is the brainchild of CUA’s Comparative and International Law Institute and is jointly administered by the two universities.


“CUA is viewed very positively, especially among lawyers in Central and Eastern Europe. The Cracow Summer Program is such a unique and rewarding experience that I think it should be promoted and expanded even more.” Frasheri believes his time in Washington at CUA has stood him in good stead since. In addition to the academic scholarship, learning about American law and interacting with the CUA faculty helped to prepare him for future legal reform work, and equipped him with the necessary legal tools to work comfortably with the World Trade Organization and the European Union commercial legislation.

He is first and foremost an academic. Currently a doctoral candidate at Harvard Law School, Frasheri is hard at work on a dissertation that considers the concept of integration as a substitute for development and the role of law in the European integration. “I'm deeply in love with being able to study more and advance in this academic journey,” Frasheri observes.

His days as a senior government bureaucrat struggling to adapt 100,000 pages of Albanian law to fit into the EU framework are behind him now. But Frasheri says legal scholarship will always remain his first priority.

“Contributing intellectually to the development and progressiveness of our societies is a vocation that I believe each of us should contribute to,” he says.

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Sister Andrea Sasala

A Habit of Helping

Sister Andrea Sasala's law school tuition was not covered by loans or with personal funds. She was sent to law school by her own congregation, which picked up the tab. It made perfect sense. Sasala has been a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, N.Y., for more than a quarter century. Her ministry as parish outreach director involved direct service to those in need of food, shelter and benefits in Nassau and Suffolk counties, New York. As was brought home
to Sister Sasala time and again, legal problems were at the root of many poor persons’ needs.

Impressed with the friendly atmosphere of the Columbus School of Law, Sister Sasala enrolled, graduating in 1997. Her three years as a law student left her well prepared for the New York and New Jersey bar exams, and most important, they equipped her with the tools to be an even more effective advocate on behalf of the poor.

“The CUA courses that impacted my daily practice were the ‘hands-on’ courses, which include legal writing, an internship at the Legal Aid Society in D.C., trial practice as a moot court associate, a class in negotiation, and the legal clinic. Thinking like a lawyer and thinking on your feet are acquired skills that help me serve my clients well,” says Sister Sasala.

Upon earning her J.D., she became a staff attorney with Nassau/Suffolk Law Services. Today, much of Sister Sasalas’s time is spent trying to preserve benefits for people who are a whisker away from poverty and homelessness. Her clients span all ages and degrees of disability or impairment. None receives more than about $700 per month in government benefits, and many get substantially less.

“I am deeply concerned that our society is not listening to the cry of the poor who live among us,” says Sister Sasala. “It is a privilege to be able to help someone negotiate the Social Security benefits maze to obtain their benefits at a hearing before an administrative law judge; or to obtain a reversal (the best) or remand at the appeals council.”

Sister Sasalas’s legal training saved the day closer to home, as well. When her brother and his wife adopted a Russian boy and girl, Sasala’s proudest professional moment was to act as the attorney for the New York adoption.

“The benefits of practicing poverty law are not obvious in salary or benefits,” she reflects. “But we offer invaluable experience in providing access to justice for people who would otherwise be denied by the restrictions and unpredictable funding of a highly regulated area of law. What we can provide is truly life-giving.”

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
Adam Cook

Northern Exposure

It’s true that the Columbus School of Law class reunion could be held in a phone booth in America’s northernmost state, but Adam Cook doesn’t mind that many of his colleagues draw a blank when it comes to his law alma mater.

“It isn’t really surprising that many Anchorage lawyers have never heard of CUA,” Cook notes. “But Alaska lawyers come from all over the country to practice here. New lawyers tend to prove themselves in court and on paper, regardless of where they went to school.”

Born and raised in Anchorage, the 2006 alumnus always knew he wouldn’t be attending law school in his hometown, because there isn’t one anywhere in the state. While many young Alaskans choose law schools in the Pacific Northwest, Cook was impressed enough by CUA’s faculty, location and reputation to relocate more than 3,000 miles for three years. He wasn’t disappointed. Cook served on the staff of the Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy and found particular value in the law school’s emphasis on advocacy and clinical programs. They turned out to be excellent preparation for the practice of law in Alaska, where clients and their rights are a priority concern.

Still, Cook always knew he would follow his North Star home upon graduation. He is currently clerking for a judge of the Superior Court in Anchorage, which places him with most of Alaska’s relatively small legal community. Half of the state’s population resides within the city limits of Anchorage, where most lawyers keep their offices. The city is very developed and modern compared to the rest of Alaska. The isolation of many of the state’s outlying communities, as well as the attendant crime and poverty that so often comes with that, make establishing a legal practice outside of the big city difficult. Attorneys in Alaska tend to work for the public sector, in small private practices, or in specialty areas such as environmental law or oil and gas.

“When I took the Alaska bar exam last year one of the questions concerned oil rights on private property — something we had not studied much at CUA,” laughs Cook.

Just about as far from Catholic University’s law school as it is possible for an alumnus to be, Cook is home and expects to remain there for his entire legal career. Even so, he wouldn’t mind friends dropping by from time-to-time.

“It’s comforting to know that I can make a career in the place I grew up. As always, I encourage my friends from CUA to look me up when they finally make the long-anticipated trip to Alaska. I would be happy to show any CUA alum some of the unexpected pleasures of living in the Last Frontier.”
LONDON
Jonathan Bagg

Across the Pond

When a young associate is asked to do that little something extra within a big law firm, “yes, sir” seems like an awfully good way to respond. Jonathan Bagg, 2004, didn’t waste any time formulating alternative replies when the Washington, D.C., office of Fried Frank asked him to consider moving to London for several years.

Not only was it a chance to live in one of the world’s most exciting (and expensive!) cities, but it provided a fast way to stand out, to make a mark and garner the attention of more senior attorneys.

“Needless to say I jumped at the opportunity to practice overseas,” says Bagg. “It’s been great. I’ve been exposed to the differences between common law jurisdictions like the UK and civil law jurisdictions in France and much of the rest of Europe. It has been quite interesting.”

There was a surplus of work in the capital markets and leveraged buy-out practice groups of the London office, and Bagg felt that his certification from CUA’s Securities Law Institute gave him a much broader exposure to issues of corporate finance and securities law than most of the other associates who started the same year he did. In short, he had the right stuff. The London partners thought so too and the deal was struck. “My experience at CUA has made all the difference in the quantity and quality of my assignments,” Bagg concludes.

Know-how picked up in law school didn’t hurt his wife, either. Jennifer Phurrough Bagg, 2004, is a graduate of CUA’s Communications Law Institute and has parlayed that experience into a position with UK-based COLT Telecom Group, a company with operations in 13 European countries that focuses on providing telecommunications services to business clients in major cities.

When not working, the Baggs take full advantage of their time in England. Jonathan and Jennifer, use their current posting in London as a springboard to visit the rest of Europe. They have tried to visit a new country every month and can so far check off Ireland, Norway, France and Germany from the list. The young couple treasures the exciting start to their life together.

“I would say that I am proudest of my relationship with my wife and our recent marriage,” says Bagg. “I tell my friends that it is the most important merger I have worked on to date.”

NEW YORK CITY
Rosemary Yu

Law and Order

She gets the question all the time. When people learn that Rosemary Yu, 2005, works for the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor in New York City, they inevitably want to know if working there is anything like the hit network television drama, “Law and Order.” Despite the fact that some of the show’s scenes are shot right in her building, the answer is no. The real life of a prosecutor is far more unpredictable than that depicted by Hollywood.

“It’s one of the best aspects of my job. Each day is different and can take its unexpected turns. But at the end of the day, I leave with tremendous satisfaction that I am doing my part in representing the people of the City of New York — by doing justice, doing good, protecting communities and having fun while doing it,” says Yu.

Her enthusiasm for her job is partly a reflection of its scope. The special narcotics prosecutor was created in the 1970s as a response to the heroin epidemic that was ravaging the Big Apple at the time.
Unusual in New York City’s criminal justice system, the office has jurisdiction across all five boroughs. Yu is a Manhattan assistant district attorney, assigned to the narcotics prosecution division. The arrangement affords her the opportunity to work on narcotics cases from any part of the city.

Helping to place drug-pushers behind bars is a powerful form of public service. The call to work on behalf of the welfare of others has been with Yu for a long time. She spent a year in public service with the Bush administration prior to law school, and that experience has been formative, inspiring and cultivating.

“CUA placed a value and emphasis for its students on professional responsibility, ethical lawyering and seeking the truth — all tenets that continue to guide me in my everyday life,” says Yu.

Barely two years into her career, Yu recently completed her first trial without a second chair. That first solo flight is always nerve-wracking, but she drew strength from the sustaining traditions of her law school. Her fellow alumni, thought Yu, are people who “come from a great legal community of faculty, staff and students who really care about one another, the advancement of the legal profession, and improving the quality of the communities we come from and touch.”

Omaha, Nebraska

Eric Oxley

Omaha Stakes

You can read books with titles like “The Art of the Deal.” Eric Oxley, however, prefers to live the experience. The mergers, acquisitions and divestitures specialist negotiates complex deals for his clients both overseas and across the nation and admits that when the transaction is closed, there is no feeling quite like it.

“I enjoy the process of buying or selling a company so much because you spend countless hours working with a client to navigate the issues. Completing that process provides a sense of satisfaction that I had not anticipated when I was in law school. It truly is addicting and immensely rewarding,” says Oxley.

Just three years out of law school, Oxley, 2004, has contributed to a thriving M&A practice with Koley Jessen P.C., based in Omaha, Neb. His wife is a native of the city, and Oxley lived there himself as an undergraduate while at Creighton University. The couple is happy with their decision to settle permanently in Omaha, where they are raising their daughter, Grace, but Oxley realizes that his law student days at CUA set him apart in some ways from other local attorneys. He earned a certificate from the Securities Law Program and had the opportunity to receive class credit for a semester’s internship at the SEC. Oxley also benefited from a clerkship program with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services.

“Having these experiences has truly given me a unique perspective that very few attorneys in Omaha have, and I am grateful to CUA for being the venue and the catalyst that enabled me to participate in these programs,” says Oxley.

Based on his own experience, Oxley thinks that more CUA law students ought to consider summer associate programs in smaller markets, away from Washington and New York, especially if they want to do such work after their first year of law school. The big-city, big-name firms seem to prefer hiring rising 2Ls, and that was a key factor that steered Oxley to Koley Jessen in the first place.

“After that summer there was really no question that Koley Jessen was where I wanted to practice. It made me realize that I fit best in a mid-size firm where I could get great experience right away and truly test my abilities. Koley’s diverse and sophisticated client base, with its national presence, provided me the platform to do just that.”

The opportunity to be a bigger legal fish in a smaller pond has its advantages. Oxley’s mergers and acquisitions practice often brings him into contact with big firm lawyers in New York and Chicago, and his excellent work reflects credit in himself, his firm and his law school.

“Most of these attorneys have heard of CUA and knowing that motivates me to try and represent the law school the best that I can. I relish the opportunity to show alumni of other law schools what CUA alums can do,” says Oxley.
Connected and Respected:
CUA Faculty Makes a National Impact

Any securities lawyer in America who needs a question answered, a fact checked or a regulation explained concisely is likely to reach for a desktop reference, *Treatise on Broker-Dealer Regulation*, written and updated twice annually by CUA law's Professor David Lipton. His work is considered the standard reference guide in the securities legal community, an impressive feat given the number of well-qualified securities law professors around the country who write and publish regularly in the field.

Fortunately for Catholic University's law school, Professor Lipton is not alone. His colleagues on the modestly-sized faculty of 45 or so members are a highly prolific and influential group of educators. Many have earned national and even international reputations for their scholarship both inside and outside of the classroom. Professor William Kaplin's first edition of *The Law of Higher Education*, for example, was recognized by the American Council on Education as the country's most outstanding book on higher education in the year of its publication. The volume helped put Kaplin on the map as one of the nation's preeminent experts on the body of law that has evolved around higher education, a stature that has only grown with time. And Professor Ken Pennington, who holds dual appointments in the schools of law and religious studies, has been called "Arguably the premier figure in the United States in the field of the history of canon, or Church, law." He is also widely known and respected in Europe as one of the foremost authorities on the subject.

A faculty's scholarship, credentials and reputation affects the national stature of their legal academy. So, too, do their professional affiliations. Through their work, as well as through peer-to-peer contact in their respective fields, CUA law professors continue to leave their intellectual and professional stamp upon judges, legislators, lawyers and fellow educators alike. The following examples, by no means complete, gives some idea of the breadth of Catholic University's law faculty.
A Lawyer’s Handbook of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice: Multicultural Communication, the Impact is the author of Stacy Brustin also assisting in the CUA-Lisbon partnership.

Marshall Breger has reached across the ocean to connect to colleagues at the University of Lisbon’s law school in Portugal. It was his idea to begin, in 2000, an annual faculty seminar between CUA and its Portuguese counterpart that explores similarities and differences in such issues as administrative law, civil law, civil procedure, commercial law, conflict of laws, constitutional law, cyber law, family law, federalism and religious freedom, as well as a conference on EU issues from the Portuguese perspective. The 2007 conference was the first held under the auspices of the new Initiative for Portuguese-American Legal Dialogue, a funded program formalizing the relationship between the two law schools.

Professor Heather Elliott is also assisting in the CUA-Lisbon partnership.

Stacy Brustin is the author of Multicultural Communication, the Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice: A Lawyer’s Handbook. In 1991, she founded the Hermanas Unidas (Sisters United) Community Education Project, a program of Ayuda, Inc., designed to help immigrant survivors of domestic violence advocate for themselves and their families.

Clifford Fishman has established a national reputation as an expert source of information on the constitutional and statutory law governing high-tech surveillance equipment. He is frequently interviewed in the media on the subject and has been invited by law enforcement agencies such as the National Technical Investigators’ Association to explain the rules of search, seizure and technology. Professor Fishman is equally generous to the courts with his time and knowledge. He has presented to professional court interpreters and translators on “Recordings, Transcripts and Translations as Evidence,” reviewing the law governing transcripts and translations of recorded conversations and describing what to expect if called as a witness to testify about a translation of a recorded conversation.

Kathryn Kelly is a principal author of the most widely used Torts casebook, Prosser, Wade, and Schwartz on Torts, published by Thomson/ Foundation Press. A spokesman for the publishing company labels the volume the best-selling casebook of any type.

Catherine Klein and Leah Wortham serve as mentors and advisers to faculty and students at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. The two educators have helped the faculty at Jagiellonian establish the first legal clinic in Poland. Its innovative programs serve as a model for other schools in Poland and Eastern Europe. In addition, through the American Bar Association’s Central and Eastern Europe Law Initiative, Professor Klein has served as a volunteer trainer and mentor for law professors and lawyers in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union. She is also involved in an ongoing project to support the development of law school clinics and other innovative teaching methodologies in the region.

Mary G. Leary, a visiting assistant professor for 2006–2007, is a national leader in the fight to protect children. She is a member of the Coalition to Prevent the Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children, and serves on the steering committee for the National Center of Child Death Review. She instructs prosecutors in the proper handling of child pornography cases for both the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Law Center for Children and Families. Leary travels extensively around the country and the world to lecture on these topics, and is also involved in addressing the complex legal issues surrounding computer facilitated crimes against children.

Lisa Lerman is working on a second edition of Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law (Aspen 2005), which is a professional responsibility text. A recent report showed that her book has been adopted at 72 U.S. law schools. Professor Lerman is also chair of the planning committee for the ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility for the second year. Held in Chicago at the end of May, the gathering is the primary conference on legal ethics in the United States and is attended by academics, practitioners, bar officials, judges and others. Professor Lerman also makes a mark as a member of the national advisory committee of Equal Justice Works, which is the primary organization in America that supports public service work by law students and lawyers.

In addition to his Treatise on Broker-Dealer Regulation, David A. Lipton served for three years on the National Association of Securities Dealers national adjudicatory council, the organization’s highest appellate body for broker-dealer disciplinary cases.
Prior to assuming the deanship of the Columbus School of Law, Veryl V. Miles served for two years as the deputy director of the Association of American Law Schools from 2001 to 2003. The position afforded a unique vantage point for understanding the issues, trends and concerns of legal education in America, lessons that have proven invaluable to her as the law school’s top administrator.

Rev. Raymond O’Brien has co-authored three volumes with Professor Walter Wadlington of the University of Virginia that are counted among the most used in the country. They are: Domestic Relations: Cases and Materials (6th ed. 2007); Family Law in Perspective (2d ed. 2007) and Family Law Statutes, International Conventions and Uniform Laws (3d ed. 2007).

J.P. “Sandy” Ogilvy is undoubtedly among the nation’s leading experts on clinical legal education. His contributions to the field are extensive and wide ranging. Professor Ogilvy directs the National Archive of Clinical Legal Education, housed at the law school’s Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library. He is the historian of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education and has spent years collecting oral histories from faculties nationwide who have been involved in clinical legal education. The audio archive resulted in a documentary film, Seeds of Change: An Oral History of Clinical Legal Education, which has been distributed to every ABA-approved law school in the country.

Keneth Pennington directs a school in Erice, Sicily, each October where a faculty and a student body from Europe study the history of law in a picturesque setting on a mountaintop next to the Mediterranean.

Antonio F. Perez accepted life membership on the Council on Foreign Relations in 2006. The independent, nonpartisan think-tank has become a widely known and deeply influential voice in U.S. foreign policy since its founding in 1921. Perez is also a member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States, to which he was elected in 2004, after being nominated by the Bush administration.

Adjunct professor and CUA law alumnus Donald E. Purcell, 1972, is a co-founder of The Center for Global Standards Analysis and has served as chairman since 2001. The center is a think tank of international experts on the development of global technology standards. Although most people and many organizations are unaware of the contributions that technological standards make to daily life, experts consider them to function at the DNA level of political, economic and social systems. Such standards are among the most critical building blocks that support the political, economic and social systems of all nations.

Professor Karla Simon co-founded the International Center for Civil Society Law and the Center for International Social Development at The Catholic University of America. In that capacity, her work deals with issues regarding the legal environment for civil society organizations in emerging democracies and transitioning countries. Professor Simon has lectured and published extensively on the subject, delivering addresses such as the “International Legal Framework for Freedom of Association” before the Chinese Academy of Social Science.

Sometimes, the best faculty work is collaborative. For example, the only textbook in the nation for general legal externship seminars is nearly entirely a CUA product. Learning from Practice: A Professional Development Text for Legal Externs (Thomson/West) has been adopted by law schools across the country and was written primarily by Lisa Lerman, Leah Wortham and Sandy Ogilvy, with contributions from Stacy Brustin, Lucia Silecchia and Margaret Barry.

This list of examples goes on and on. Like so many of its alumni, the law school’s faculty is refreshingly restless. Not content to teach, do research or practice the law on autopilot, the law school’s professors view excellence as an ever-rising standard, something to be continually striven for. Their collective contributions to legal education burnish the stature of Catholic University’s law school as a truly national legal institution.
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The new graduates played a key role in the establishment and organization of the law school’s first ever Legal Services Society, an organization devoted to encouraging participation in pro bono causes as a fundamental component of every law school career. A number of students — many of them busy 3Ls facing the finish line of their law school careers — had just returned from the society’s debut service project: a 10-day trip to the Gulf Coast where students offered legal aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Dean Miles listed a number of other examples of generosity and outreach demonstrated by class members. The outgoing students even left a gift to their successors, announcing a record-setting class gift of $67,600 to the law school’s general fund.

The commencement address was delivered by the Hon. Jim Nicholson, secretary of veterans affairs for the Bush Administration. He urged the graduates to keep up their impressive track record. “I implore you to embrace the idea of servant-leadership. The essence of leadership is to serve something beyond yourself,” he said. He held up his own 40-year career as an example. Rising above an impoverished childhood, Nicholson forged successful careers as a soldier, lawyer, real estate developer and diplomat (as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican) before his current Cabinet post. He told the audience that his philosophy can be reduced to three words: “persistence, prayer and service.”

The 118th annual commencement of Catholic University’s law school, this year’s ceremony was unusual in featuring the presentation of honorary degrees to two participants. The degree for Doctor of Law, *honoris causa*, was presented both to Secretary Nicholson and to Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., president of St. John’s University in New York City.

The address on behalf of the graduates was given by Michael N. Lang, who was introduced by Mark Denney Jr., outgoing president of the Student Bar Association.

Continuing a string of fortunate weather days for law school graduation, commencement 2007 stayed sunny and warm with a gentle May breeze — perfect conditions for the euphoric new alumni and their families.

The 273 graduating members of The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law’s Class of 2007 were recognized for their exceptional devotion to volunteerism and pro bono work during commencement ceremonies on May 25 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, adjacent to the university campus.
actions that change the world so often begin on the humblest note. By her own account, Rosa Louise McCauley Parks did not set out to remake American society when, chilly and tired after a long day's work as a seamstress, she stepped aboard a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 1, 1955.
Parks only wanted a quiet ride home, but it was not to be. Seated near the front of the bus, she was asked by its driver to get up and relinquish her seat to a white man. Whether it was the time, the tone of his voice, or the intolerable routineness of the request — even Parks was never certain later on exactly what had triggered her reaction that day — but the injustice of a lifetime of second-class treatment in the Jim Crow south finally spilled over and she refused, staying put in her seat. It turned out to be the “no” heard ’round the world.

Predictably, Parks was arrested and put on trial for her shocking civil disobedience. But she did not stand alone before the judge. Charles Langford, Catholic University law school Class of 1952, was at her side as lawyer, confidant and friend.

Described by colleagues as a man who possessed “a lot of vision, a lot of courage,” Langford demonstrated ample quantities of both in his representation of an unpopular client and her fear-inspiring cause, as perceived by the city’s ruling establishment at the time. More than 50 years after her simple yet nation-changing act of defiance, Rosa Parks is today rightly remembered as a hero, the “Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement” as expressed by an act of the United States Congress.

But in 1955 she was considered a dangerous firebrand and a threat to be contained by the many defenders of white supremacy, not all of whom, it should be noted, lived in the American south. Just three years out of law school, and by some period accounts one of only two African-American lawyers in all of Alabama, representing Rosa Parks could have cost Charles Langford his career. Yet advocate for her he did, along with a colleague named Fred Gray. The results are in the history books. Park’s arrest and trial triggered the Montgomery Bus Boycott, one of the largest and most successful mass movements against racial segregation in history, and launched Martin Luther King Jr., one of the organizers of the boycott, to the forefront of the civil rights movement. Reverend King battled on many fronts and pursued litigation that led to the U.S. Supreme Court abolishing segregation on public transportation.

Charles Langford was born on Dec. 9, 1922, in Montgomery. He spent most of his life in his hometown, leaving only to earn a bachelor’s degree from Tennessee State University and a law degree from Catholic University, which at the time was not yet affiliated with the independent Columbus School of Law.

Langford passed the Alabama State Bar in 1953 and opened a law practice in his home town. He soon became involved in other legal battles that shaped his state. Besides representing Rosa Parks, Langford also took on the case of Arlam Carr Jr. in 1964 in a lawsuit that eventually desegregated Montgomery’s public schools. Nearly 30 years after that he stepped up yet again, this time representing black legislators in a lawsuit that ended the flying of the Confederate battle flag on the state capitol dome in 1993.

Montgomery attorney Solomon Seay, who was Langford’s partner for more than 20 years and worked with him on civil rights cases, said he was always impressed by Langford’s integrity and quiet, deliberative style. “I learned a lot about demeanor and how to keep my temperament on an even keel,” he told the Montgomery Advertiser, which first reported Langford’s death.

Along with his legal work in the civil rights movement, Langford had a long career in the Alabama legislature, representing Montgomery’s 26th Senate District. He was elected twice to the Alabama House of Representatives before going to the Senate in 1982. He served five terms in the Senate before retiring in 2002.

Langford never married and lived with a sister most of his adult life. He died in his sleep on Feb. 11, 2007, at the age of 84.

Opposite page: Rosa Parks with attorney and CUA law school alumnus Charles D. Langford, 1952, after her arrest for boycotting buses in a mass protest against bus segregation. Above: Rosa Parks (center), accompanied by Langford, right, and an unidentified deputy after she was arrested.
Recently compiled statistics for the Class of 2006 indicate that nine months after graduation, 96.3 percent of them were employed. The number is up more than three percentage points from the previous year and is one of the highest employment statistics reported for new alumni of the law school. Jessica Heywood, director of the Office of Legal Career Services, notes that 13 federal judicial clerkships were also procured by the Class of 2006. She credits the class’ overall academic strength, the solid job market, the school’s marked increase in bar passage and the good work of her own office as some of the reasons for the high employability of last year’s graduates.

“Placement and bar pass statistics are some of our most critical outputs. It is wonderful to see progress in both areas and the direct correlation between bar passage and job placement,” said CUA law’s Dean Veryl V. Miles.

Job offers to CUA students didn’t stop with graduates, however. Second-year law students were also in demand as summer associates. Rising 2L Stephanie Holmes, for example, had the phone ringing off the hook by employers asking her to come in for an interview. Her experience was documented in an April 2007 issue of the widely read Legal Times. That article is reprinted in CUA Lawyer with permission.

It’s good to be Stephanie Holmes. The second-year law student at Catholic University, Columbus School of Law applied to 24 firms at the start of her summer job search. She got 23 callbacks.

She eventually received an offer from Jones Day, her top pick. “It was overwhelming,” Holmes says.

For firms in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, growth appears to be roaring, a contrast to the leaner days of years past. And along with that, the market for summer associates is sizzling. This year, many large firms are boosting the size of their summer classes as a result.

That means that Stephanie Holmes’ story isn’t an uncommon one.

“Firms are very aware that the competition is getting stronger. I think it’s very clearly the market,” says Gihan Fernando, assistant dean for career services at Georgetown University Law Center. “Everybody is struggling to fill the increased summer-associate class.”

Because large firms generally hire their summer associates post-graduation, the upswing signals optimism for the years ahead, an extension of what Fernando describes as a “robust legal economy.” According to several law schools and firms in the District, summer-associate classes have increased locally. For instance, Latham & Watkins increased its D.C. class size by 35 percent, from 37 to 50.

“The firm has experienced lot of growth in the last few years, and this office in particular has experienced a lot of growth,” says Latham partner and local recruiting committee chairman Raymond Grochowski. He says Latham has expanded its large litigation, transactional, and regulatory practice groups, among other areas, and has also seen a rise in the smaller practice areas.

Hogan & Hartson as well increased its D.C. office’s summer-associate class to 84 students, a rise of 29 percent. “Business is good,” says Claudette Christian, partner and co-chairwoman of the recruiting committee at Hogan. “We’ve seen a significant uptick across all our practice groups.”

Venable’s firmwide class grew by 54 percent to fill the demand in the newly minted New York and Los Angeles offices, and the D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom bumped up its class to 35 from 20 last year.
SELLER’S MARKET

Law schools in the D.C. area have also felt the buzz. Though the schools have not yet compiled the exact numbers for this year, most anticipate a 7 percent to 12 percent upswing in second-year-student placement.

“This definitely seems like a very strong year,” says Sheila Driscoll, the assistant director of career development at George Washington University School of Law.

But it’s not just second-years who are having all the fun. Firms picked up far more first-year law students this year than in previous years. Patton Boggs added more first-years to its incoming class because, as Philip Feigen, the firm’s hiring partner, says, “it’s a great marketing tool.”

And for third-years who missed out on a summer associate program in 2006, the future is looking exceptionally bright. D.C. law schools reported a significant rise in the market for third-years, a group that in previous years struggled to find positions.

“It feels similar to how it felt in the late ’90s,” says Georgetown’s Fernando.

Kara Ward, a second-year from George Washington, describes last fall as a “whirlwind.” The interviewing process took her to three cities, where she spoke with more than 100 attorneys, and she received an astounding 18 offers. She eventually decided on Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Boston because it was a “big firm with a small-firm feel.”

“Most of the stress of the process was stress I put on myself to be sure that I found the firm that was the best fit for me and the work I wanted to do. In a lot of ways, I had to decide what kind of attorney I wanted to be during the process,” says Ward, who is interested in corporate litigation.

Catholic’s Holmes, who ended up with 23 interviews, says it was “kind of an intimidating prospect in the beginning.” But she says the process itself, though hectic, wasn’t as tough as she was expecting. “[The interviews were] more like a conversation, I guess, as opposed to a stiff atmosphere.”

Stacey Pratt from George Mason University School of Law ranked in 10 offers. She applied to 40 firms, had 40 initial interviews and 20 second interviews, and in the end wound up in Hogan & Hartson’s corporate department. “I probably overreached,” Pratt says, “and if I did it again I wouldn’t put my résumé in for that many on-campus interviews.”

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Remarkable Events Inspiring Tomorrow’s Leaders
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Sentencing Under the Microscope

February — The idea that the punishment should fit the crime is a cornerstone of American jurisprudence. But if the power to weigh circumstances, consider extenuating facts or factors in intangibles is largely proscribed from judges and juries, can true justice thrive? A panel of experts expressed skepticism at an afternoon symposium at Catholic University’s law school. Sponsored by the Black Law Students Association, “Race and Criminal Justice: The Impact of Federal Sentencing Guidelines” scrutinized the impact of the overhaul of criminal sentencing guidelines approved by Congress in the mid-1980s. Although the guidelines are technically “advisory” today, panelists including the Hon. Gerald Bruce Lee, U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, noted that they still exert great influence on the time of incarceration that a convicted defendant actually serves.

March — The religious community has been muted in its condemnation of the use of torture as a means to an end, although human rights organizations, jurists and experts in international law have not held back. That argument from New York University professor and ethicist Dr. Jeremy Waldron was the basis for his 2007 lecture in Law, Philosophy and Religious Traditions, “What Can Christian Argument Add to the Case Against Torture?” Tracing the relevant Church teachings on the subject, Waldron said Christianity has been quite clear in forbidding the practice of torture for any reason for hundreds of years. Well-established Church doctrine about the sacredness of the human person, the presumption of innocence, the idea of the moral absolute and other related precepts combine to relegate the practice of torture as a “gateway to the demonic,” said Waldron. “Church leaders understand this and should have the courage to say it,” he declared.

Integrating Platforms for the Future

March — Wireless communication technologies are enjoying astonishing growth in the United States, and most of them are aimed at mobile devices such as phones and blackberries. “Content Abundance in a Multimedia World: Challenges and Opportunities for Multi-Platform Content Delivery and Regulation” brought together nearly two dozen leaders in communications, academia and government to debate the challenges and opportunities presented by today’s age of media digitization. Sponsored by CommLaw Conspectus: Journal of Communications Law & Policy and the Institute for Communications Law Studies, in association with the Federal Communications Bar Association, the daylong symposium explored many facets of the technological changes to come. Whatever is facing both manufacturers and regulators, noted keynote speaker and FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, will center on one inescapable fact, “Broadband has had the fastest penetration rate of any technology in history, faster than radio, TV or anything else you can name.”
March — Although patent law attorneys deal with a variety of ethical burdens particular to their practice specialty, they don’t often get the chance to discuss the issues openly among themselves. They were afforded the opportunity at a day-long symposium on “Ethical Issues in Patent Law” that invited judges, academics, practitioners, judicial clerks and others to a forum that explored the nuances of legality and ethics that many patent lawyers face in the normal course of the job. Organized by professors Susanna Fischer and Elizabeth Winston, the discourse covered such topics as “The Effect of First to File on Innovation” and “Litigation in Your Choice of Forum,” among others. Continuing legal education credits were available to attendees. Co-sponsoring firms included Venable, LLP and also Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett and Dunner, LLP. The luncheon keynote address was delivered by the Hon. Paul R. Michel, chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

March — The law school’s Walter S. Slowinski Courtroom became the real deal when a three-judge panel from the D.C. Court of Appeals considered oral arguments in three active, real-life cases, allowing CUA students the opportunity to observe and learn as part of the court’s Education Outreach Program. It was a rare example of the law school’s training courtroom being employed as an authentic judicial venue. Each of the three cases took approximately an hour to argue. They were representative of different bodies of case law, including an agency case, a workers’ comp case and a criminal child abuse case. At the conclusion of the official proceedings, the judges took questions from the audience. The D.C. Court of Appeals is the highest court of the District of Columbia, the equivalent of a state supreme court.

Steering Trade Policy in the Right Direction

April — Thirty percent of the world’s wealth is exported and imported between nations. That figure alone underscores the vital importance of sensible international trade policy. Whether America’s current approach to trade meets the twin goals of creating wealth and protecting national security was the subject of an afternoon conference, “Trade and Politics: Effective Export Controls and National Security Debate,” sponsored by CUA’s Comparative and International Law Institute and the International Law Society. Experts considered such aspects as the growing economic might of China, licensing requirements from the practitioner’s perspective and the transfer of sensitive technology. The discussion was led by Adjunct Professor Patrick A. Mulloy, the former commissioner of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.
Can CUA Students Advocate?

It’s a Moot Point in 2007

February 2–3, Washington, D.C.

Second-year students Jennifer Hanley and Tyler Van Voorhees won the 13th Annual National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition, defeating a team from George Washington’s law school in the final round. Van Voorhees continued CUA’s winning streak for the third year in a row as the Best Oral Advocate for the competition.

The 2007 competition was one of the largest in years, with nearly a dozen law schools fielding a team. Participants included Georgetown, George Washington, University of Virginia, and William and Mary. The final rounds were judged by the Hon. Edward J. Damich, chief judge of the Court of Federal Claims; former FCC commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy; David H. Solomon, former chief of the Enforcement Bureau at the FCC; and Jennifer Warren, president of the Federal Communications Bar Association.

February 17, Baltimore

Two teams from the Columbus School of Law reached the semi-finals of the ABA Regional Client Counseling Competition. Renee Abbott (3E) and Omar Khawaja (2D) made it to the sixth round while their colleagues, Courtney Christman (2D) and Senta Waters (3D), were eliminated only after reaching the finals. The two teams earned high praise from all nine sets of judges who observed them in action throughout the day. The four students interviewed mock clients who were dealing with legally challenging and emotionally wrenching problems such as child custody, adoption, abuse, parental kidnapping, divorce and same-sex relationships. “In each interview, within a few minutes, they were able to draw out all the relevant details of the problem and explore sound legal options,” said the team’s coach, Professor Michael McGonnigal. “More important to me, they established a bond with each client and showed that they had not checked their humanity at the law school door.”

The moot court teams that represented Catholic University this year enjoyed perhaps their finest season ever. Two of them placed first in national competitions, and most of the others turned in exceptional performances, earning the attention and praise of judges and fellow competitors alike.

“The success of our moot court teams has an enormous impact on other law schools’ perceptions of CUA and its students. There is nothing better than going to a moot court competition and having schools recognize you as the team to beat,” says Denise Giraudo, CUA’s moot court chancellor for 2006–2007.

“Mooting” is an arduous and serious process for students interested in mastering the arts of preparation, quick thinking and verbal combat that distinguish the successful courtroom lawyer. The law school’s moot court board conducts a three-year training program open to all students, but only the 50 to 75 who show the most promise are offered an invitation to become a moot court associate in December of each academic year. The board uses mock cases to provide instruction in the arts of appellate and trial advocacy and attempts to duplicate the conditions of courtroom practice and procedures as closely as possible.

The practice and attention to detail certainly paid off this year. The 2007 moot court season heated up in February and ran at breakneck pace through mid-April.
February 22–24, White Plains, N.Y.

Lauren Christopher (3E) and Andrew Lopez (2D) received the Best Brief for the Appellee award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the 19th Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. The pair also advanced to the quarter-final round, competing in a field of approximately 70 teams and 200 law students. Catholic University’s winning brief will be published by the Pace Environmental Law Journal. The competition is recognized as the pre-eminent environmental law moot in the United States.

March 9–10, Washington, D.C.

Catholic University again hosted the Sutherland Cup Competition, an appellate advocacy competition focusing on constitutional law and the oldest national moot court competition in the United States. CUA’s three-member team of Maureen Smith (2L), Bob Coomber (3L) and Linda Bailey (3L) reached the semi-finals. Its moot court board organized an impressive event that attracted a distinguished final round panel of four federal judges. They included Judge Carlos Bea, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Margaret Ryan, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; Judge Charles Breyer, United States District Court for the Northern District of California; and Judge Marcia Cooke, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

March 29-31, Chicago

CUA’s Linda Bailey (3D) was the only advocate among 80 law students from 20 teams to receive a perfect score from all judges in every phase of her presentation in the 17th Annual National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition. She received a certificate in recognition of her special achievement. The law school’s trial teams participated in 12 national competitions during this academic year. They made it to the semi-finals three times at the Lone Star Classic in San Antonio, at the Michigan State National Trial Competition and at the William Daniel Trial Competition in Atlanta.
April 7–8, Vienna, Austria

In only its second appearance in one of the world’s most prestigious arbitration moot court competitions, a seven-member Catholic University squad won rave reviews for its performance in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. One student was actually offered a job after his exceptionally impressive argument, and another team member was asked by a competition judge, “Are you already a lawyer? If not, you should drop out of law school — you’re ready for practice.” CUA’s team finished 34th in a field of more than 170 teams from around the world. It climbed 21 spots from the previous year and missed advancing to the next round by just two points. “They were arguing in front of the world’s leading arbitration practitioners and scholars. They were nothing short of ambassadors for the school, and their performance left a lasting impression on everyone who saw them,” said team coach Professor Bo Rutledge. Team members helped raise the money to pay for their trip.

April 19, Washington, D.C.

The intellectual property moot court team represented by Kinari Patel (3D) and Mike Astorino (3E) made it to the national semi-final round of the Giles Sutherland Rick Memorial Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association. The pair competed there after emerging as a winning team in the Boston regional contest, where they prevailed over 14 other teams to qualify for the national competition.

The stellar showing of CUA’s moot court teams this season will help boost the already strong interest in the program from prospective students, says Giraudo. She notes that many of them view the opportunity to “moot” as a stepping stone for success in their own legal careers should they choose CUA.

It has certainly proven its worth for those students who do it. There is no other forum open to a law student that provides immediate professional feedback from judges, practitioners and even Supreme Court justices. Giraudo recalls her own experience as a member of the Sutherland Cup finalist team last year, when members had the opportunity to speak with Justice Clarence Thomas following their final round. “He told us that there is no better way to prepare for a legal career as a trial attorney or appellate attorney than to observe oral arguments at any level and to participate in moot court programs,” says Giraudo.
Student Bar Association board member Patrick Campbell (3L) was interviewed by Fox News on March 12, 2007, regarding substandard conditions at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Campbell took an 18-month leave from his law school education to serve in Iraq as a medic.

The Women’s Law Caucus hosted Girls in Law Day on Sunday, March 11. Fifty-two girl scouts attended and earned the Law and Order Badge. Fifteen law students volunteered their time, treating the scouts to lunch, a discussion of the first amendment issues surrounding schools’ regulation of Internet usage by students, a writing exercise, presentations by a local police officer and a two-hour mock trial using a “fact pattern” similar to those of the Titanic. 2Ls Jenn Cronenberg and Allison Corley did all of the planning and organizing for the event.

Rising 3L Paula Shapiro was elected as the American Bar Association Law Student Division’s governor for the 11th Circuit on Feb. 24, 2007. She will serve a one-year term encompassing the 2007-2008 academic year. The ABA 11th Circuit includes all of the Washington, D.C., law schools, including George Mason University in Virginia. Shapiro is currently serving as lieutenant governor for the 11th Circuit.

3L Alexis Buckhannon described her summer student experience at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland, in National Jurist, a national magazine for law students.

Rising 2L Carla Mouta-Bellum was the subject of a profile in the online scientific journal “Ciência Hoje.” A highly trained biomedical scientist, Mouta-Bellum is also a founding member of the journal Lymphatic and Research Biology and part of its editorial board since 2002. She is studying intellectual property law and biotech-pharmaceutical patents at CUA.

3L Dree Collopy published “Incorporating a Hardship Factor in Asylum Claims Based on Female Genital Mutilation: A Legislative Solution to Protect the Best Interests of Children” in the spring 2007 issue of the Georgetown Immigration Law Journal.

David “Jeff” Kenney (4E) has signed a publishing contract with the University of California Press for his book, Asylum Denied: A Refugee’s Struggle for Safety in America, to be published in 2008. The volume is an account of his struggle for political asylum in America after he fled torture and persecution for labor-organizing in his native Kenya. Kenney’s book is co-authored by Georgetown University law professor Philip Schrag, who is the husband of CUA law professor Lisa Lerman.

3L John D. Skees was selected as one of only 15 law students nationwide to receive a 2007 Burton Award for Legal Achievement. Created in 1999, the non-profit organization’s annual Awards for Legal Achievement program honors effective legal writing and recognizes law students who “use plain, clear and concise language and avoid archaic, stilted legalese.” Skees’ talent for to-the-point legal writing was demonstrated in an article titled “The Resurrection of Historic Usery Principles for Consumption Loans in the Federal Banking System,” which was featured in the summer 2006 edition of Catholic University Law Review and won him the award. This year’s awards were presented on June 4 at the Library of Congress and moderated by CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer.

A scholarly article by 3L William J. Phelan IV was selected for presentation on March 30 for the political theory panel at the 2007 Pennsylvania Political Science Association’s annual meeting. Political scientists from across the state were in attendance, as were some members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Phelan’s work will also be published in the 2007 issue of Studies in Law, Politics and Society, a peer-reviewed journal edited at Amherst College that solicits research on a wide range of law-related subjects.
Professional Activities

Professor Helen Alvaré delivered the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2007 lecture to The Catholic University of America community in March. A month earlier, she spoke at the annual workshop of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Professor Alvaré gave the plenary address on state mandates to hospitals regarding the prevention of pregnancy after sexual assault, before an audience comprising the bishops of North and South America, the Philippines and Poland.

Professor Heather Elliott was the moderator of a breakfast program discussion about “The Standing of Citizens and Public Interest Organizations to Challenge Federal Regulatory Actions: Recent Trends and Analysis,” sponsored by the District of Columbia Bar in November 2006.

Professor Clifford Fishman was a featured speaker at the annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Technical Investigators’ Association held on March 6, 2007, in New York City. He spoke about “Search, Seizure and Technology” before a group of law enforcement personnel who use high-tech surveillance equipment.

Distinguished Lecturer John E. Higgins Jr., an adjunct faculty member, is the editor in chief of the recently published Fifth Edition to the Developing Labor Law.

Professor William Kaplin was a mentor and leader for the biannual Houston Higher Education Law Roundtable for emerging scholars, sponsored by the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance, at the University of Houston Law Center, May 2007. During the spring 2007 semester, Professor Kaplin was on leave from the Columbus School of Law to serve as a visiting professor and fellow in the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, Stetson University College of Law in Florida.

Visiting Professor Mary Leary was a presenter at an international conference in India that was designed to help law enforcement agencies identify and apprehend online child sex abusers. The mid-January conference, “Computer Facilitated Crimes Against Children,” was jointly sponsored by Interpol, the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, and the Microsoft Corporation. It was hosted by the Central Bureau of Investigation of India — similar to America’s FBI. Leary is a former deputy director for the Office of Legal Counsel at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which for 20 years has led the country in preventing child abduction and sexual exploitation.

Professor David Lipton moderated a panel for alumni of the CUA securities law program at NASDAQ headquarters in New York City on Sept. 6. The group discussed recent developments in securities trading markets. Professor Lipton’s securities law program also hosted a number of distinguished speakers throughout the year, including Mike Ryan, who directed a U.S. Chamber of Commerce study of capital markets in the 21st century; Tim England, assistant director, SEC division of Enforcement; and David Martin, former SEC director of division of corporation finance. In November, SEC Commissioner Roel Campos was the featured speaker at the annual securities alumni luncheon. Professor Lipton serves as a hearing review panel member of the NASD National Adjudicatory Council and attended four meetings as a member of the NASD Market Regulation Committee. Lending a hand with law school recruitment, he went to New York City in February to attend a reception for area “admits” for fall 2007.

Professor Lipton also continues to organize the popular monthly speakers program for faculty luncheons. Recent guests have covered such topics as the influence of the K Street lobby on politics, how Supreme Court clerks operate in the judicial process, influenza as a public health disaster waiting to happen and the mystery of conducting an orchestra.

Professor Suzette Malveaux reviewed pleadings and made recommendations to colleagues for oral argument before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Organization of American States, held March 2, 2007. She provided research and made recommendations for the Reply Brief to the OAS on behalf of victims of the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921. Professor Malveaux moderated the panel discussion of a forthcoming article by Jim Oldham of the Georgetown University Law Center on “The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Insurance Litigation Involving the Zong and Other Slave Ships, 1780–1807” on April 20. The talk was part of an event sponsored by American University, D.C. Area Legal History Roundtable: Slavery. On April 24, 2007, Professor Malveaux’s law review article, “Statutes of Limitations: A Policy Analysis in the Context of Reparations Litigation,” was entered into the Congressional Record in support of H.R. 1995, a bill to provide a mechanism for reparations to victims and their families of the 1921 Tulsa race riots.

Professor Raymond Marcin delivered a presentation on Feb. 23 to the philosophy faculty of Loyola College in Baltimore, where he discussed his most recent book, In Search of Schopenhauer’s Cat: Arthur Schopenhauer’s Quantum-Mystical Theory of Justice, published in 2006 by The Catholic University of America Press.
Professional Activities

Professor Steve Margeton has been appointed to the American Association of Law Libraries Joint Study Institute Planning Committee, which is charged with organizing a June 2008 conference for more than 100 foreign law librarians who will come to Washington, D.C., to learn about American law.

Dean Veryl V. Miles spoke at the Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach in early February on the life and teachings of St. Thomas More, and how his commitment to his faith, service and community remains an example for lawyers today. Based on an earlier published article by the dean, her lecture drew an audience of about 60 people. The following week, Dean Miles traveled to Miami to attend the ABA’s mid-year meeting. There, she participated on a panel titled “Guns or Butter: Allocating Resources,” that addressed questions regarding the allocation of law school funds. On March 21, 2007, Dean Miles spoke to the Washington, D.C., chapter of the St. Thomas More Society about the law school’s founding of the Legal Services Society and its yearlong celebration of pro bono service. The following month, on April 11, Dean Miles addressed “Leadership in the Public Square” at a meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association in Baltimore. The session focused on the meaning and expression of leadership at the interface of faith, culture and Catholic education. On April 14, she discussed how law schools respond to the challenge of enhancing the bar pass performance of their students at the National Conference of Bar Examiners’ spring meeting in San Diego. Attendees included bar examiners and state supreme court judges representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Concluding a busy semester, Dean Miles delivered the commencement address for Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., on May 26, 2007. She is a 1977 alumna of the school. Shortly thereafter, the dean participated in an ABA conference for new deans in Colorado.

Under the direction of Clinical Assistant Professor Faith Mullen, CUA law’s general practice clinic students staffed a small claims resource center for pro se litigants during the spring semester. They worked in pairs every other week. General practice students also helped several area grandmothers obtain legal custody of their grandchildren and thereby qualify for the new D.C. Grandparent Subsidy. In late March, Mullen coordinated the pro bono D.C. Bar custody training for clinical practitioners. She selected the speakers, chose the topics and provided relevant materials for the participants. And in June, for the third time, Mullen was asked to make a presentation about advance directives at the D.C. Bar’s pro bono training on wills and advance directives.

Research Ordinary Professor Michael Noone participated in a program at the U.S. Institute of Peace on “The Utility of Force in Peace Operations: When and How?” in early January. He also participated in a program jointly sponsored by the Washington Foreign Law Society and the American Society of International Law in which Dr. Rubens Medina, law librarian of Congress, led a discussion about foreign and comparative law resources and utilization. On March 15, 2007, Professor Noone was in Poland to address the American Law Students Association at Jagiellonian University in Cracow. His talk was titled “War, Ethics and Law.”

Rev. Raymond O’Brien was awarded the Vicennial Medal for teaching at the Georgetown University Law Center for 20 years. He was also retained by BAR/BRI to teach the course on New York trust law to students planning to take the New York Bar examination. The archbishop of Washington also appointed Father O’Brien to the board of directors of a new Catholic high school in the archdiocese. The new high school is named Cristo Rey and offers a model program to assist children from disadvantaged backgrounds. And in February, Father O’Brien baptized Vincent Anzidei, the first child of Becky and Chris Anzidei.

Professor Ken Pennington gave a lecture at the Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII in Bologna, Italy, on “Giuseppe Dossetti’s Medieval Sources” on Dec. 12, 2006. In February, he spoke about “The Influence of Roman Law on Secular and Ecclesiastical Law in the Early Twelfth Century” at the University of Frankfurt, Germany. In April, he was at the University of Kansas to discuss “The Beginnings of Inquisitorial Procedure.” Completing a busy lecture season, Professor Pennington visited Dartmouth College in early May to deliver its Roger S. Aaron Lecture, “Torture: Past and Present.”

Professor Antonio Perez was a featured speaker at a mid-April panel sponsored by the Washington Legal Foundation. The topic, “Antitrust Enforcement on the International Stage: Has the Concept of Comity Become Passé?”, focused on the tensions that exist between U.S. and foreign nations’ antitrust enforcement efforts. Professor Perez attended the 70th meeting of the Inter-American Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, between Feb. 26 and March 2, 2007. He submitted a report to the committee, “Report on CIDIP with Respect to the Negotiation of Legal Instruments Concerning Consumer
Protection.” Later in March, he attended a special session of the committee in Washington, D.C., held to consider the Principles of International Law contained in Article 3 of the OAS Charter. In December 2006, Perez spoke via video teleconference to personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia, on “Civil Liberties in the U.S. post 9/11.” His lecture was part of an Embassy Roundtable Series on Human Rights and Democracy.

Professor Ralph J. Rohner was elected in January 2007 to serve a two-year term as president of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers, an association of attorneys experienced in consumer finance law. He was also elected in December 2006 to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the CareFirst BlueCross/BlueShield program for the national capital area.

A book co-authored by Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge formed the basis of discussion for a panel sponsored by the American Society of International Law during its annual March meeting in Washington, D.C. “The Future of Transnational Litigation in U.S. Courts: Distinct Field or Footnote?” was a four-panelist examination of ideas first framed by Gary Born’s “International Civil Litigation in United States Courts.” Professor Rutledge is co-author of the fourth edition of the volume, published in late 2006. Professor Rutledge was also the 2007 recipient of the Mary, Mirror of Justice Award from the law school’s Pope John Paul II Guild of Catholic Lawyers. He used his April 26 lecture, titled “Who Was Cass Gilbert?”, to posit that the design of the United States Supreme Court building was a deliberate statement from architect Gilbert about the proper acknowledgement of other bodies of law within America’s own system.

Professor Heidi Schooner participated in a discussion, “How Does the United Kingdom’s Financial Services Authority Work?”, sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., in late March.

Professor Lucia Silecchia participated in a conference on climate change organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. The conference was held at the Vatican on April 26–27, 2007. It provided an opportunity to discuss the facts surrounding climate change, including discussion of the social and economic impact of the phenomenon. Earlier in April, she attended a workshop on the Writings of Chiara Lubich, held at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

Professor Karla Simon and Dr. Leon Irish were co-presenters at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies on March 26, 2007. The founders of the International Center for Civil Society Law were invited to discuss developments with regard to legal protections for civil society in China. In May, Professor Simon lectured again on recent developments in China, including the drafting of a “charity law” and the creation of better tax incentives for giving. She spoke to a panel organized by the International NGOs and NPOs Committee, as part of the American Bar Association’s International Law Section Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Assistant Professor Beth Winston was appointed secretary of the AALS section on Computers and the Law at the organization’s annual meeting in January 2007. She also taught a seminar in Biotech Patent Law at the University of Akron School of Law during the spring semester.

Professor George P. Smith was inducted into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows at the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington in April 2007 for distinction in the profession. Only the third academic to be admitted to the academy since its founding in 1985, Professor Smith was honored previously with the university’s Distinguished Alumni Award and with an honorary LL.D. degree. A chair has also been named in his honor at the law school. In March 2007, he was appointed to the Board of Patrons/Directors of the Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. While visiting St. Andrews, Professor Smith delivered a lecture titled “The Quality of Mercy and Common Dignity: Safeguarding the Last Right.”

Professor Leah Wortham spoke before the D.C. Bar’s annual judicial conference on March 26 about the extensive revisions recently adapted by its Rules of Professional Conduct. Her comments, “Confidences and Secrets,” were part of a larger panel titled “Ethics Blues: A Legal Ethics Experience.” Wortham chaired the committee that spent four years reviewing and suggesting changes to the lawyer’s ethical code. She has also appeared in some podcast videos about the new rules that are available on the D.C. Bar’s Web site.
Recent Media

Professor Helen Alvaré was quoted in the Feb. 27, 2007, edition of the New York Times on the significance of the group Catholics for a Free Choice. She was also asked by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life to serve as a media commentator following the Supreme Court's issuance of the opinion in Gonzalez v. Carhart, a highly anticipated decision about partial birth abortion. In December 2006, Professor Alvaré appeared on “Faith and Culture,” a program produced by the EWTN network, to discuss the contributions the Church can make in the public square of politics, especially regarding matters of marriage and family. Professor Alvaré was interviewed in April for a program produced by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life about the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Gonzalez v. Carhart, which upheld a federal law banning partial birth abortions.

Professor Heather Elliott was quoted in the Feb. 9 online edition of the ABA Journal Report for an article titled “Hot Spring,” about the current caseload of the U.S. Supreme Court. She said she has noticed an increase in the court’s accepting business law and environmental appeals.

Professor Clifford Fishman was interviewed in March 2007 for an article in the Star Gazette of Elmira, N.Y., about whether public surveillance cameras operated by police departments and other government agencies violate citizens’ legally protected privacy rights. Professor Fishman was quoted in a May 2 article by the Associated Press about the eavesdropping on 3 million telephone calls by state and local law enforcement authorities in 2006.

Dean Veryl V. Miles was quoted in the Nov. 30, 2006, edition of Diverse Issues in Higher Education for an article titled “Still Publish or Perish: Laws Schools are Increasingly Choosing Scholarship over Practical Experience When Identifying Instructors.” She also authored an editorial that was published in the February/March issue of Momentum Magazine, the official publication of the National Catholic Education Association. Dean Miles’ guest essay was titled “Real Choice is the Only Answer to Quality Education for All Children.” In the spring, she was quoted in the May/June issue of Diversity & the Bar for an article titled “Debunking the Mystique of Top 20 Law Schools.”

Research Ordinary Professor Michael Noone was interviewed by National Public Radio about the trial of U.S. Army Lt. Ehren Watada, who has publicly criticized U.S. involvement in Iraq. Noone was also quoted in the Guardian (UK) about the officer’s pending court-martial, as well as featured on Australian news radio about the subject. Also in February, Professor Noone spoke to BBC Radio’s The World Tonight about an American friendly fire incident in Iraq that has been the subject of a coroner’s inquest in the United Kingdom. In late December 2006, Noone taped interviews with the Al Jazeera network about the legalities of the Haditha trials.

Professor Lucia Silecchia was interviewed by Catholic News Service in late April in Rome, while participating in a Vatican conference on “Global Climate Change and Development.”

Visiting Professor Stephen Smith was quoted in the March 2007 ABA Journal for an article titled “Clerks Avoid Getting Their DIGs In.” The article explored the numerous motivations for Supreme Court clerks to recommend “no” votes on petitions for certiorari. Smith clerked for Supreme Court justice Clarence Thomas in 1993.

Professor Leah Wortham was profiled in the CrimProf Blog Spotlight on April 7, 2007. The blog is a subsection of the Law Professors Blog Network.
Conferences and Symposia

Professor Regina Jefferson was a co-chair and key organizer of a conference that brought together leading academics, policymakers, economists, journalists and others to examine ways to protect the nation’s social service net. “For the Common Good: What Role for Social Insurance?” was sponsored by the National Academy of Social Insurance and held Feb. 1–2 at the National Press Club in downtown Washington, D.C. Professor Jefferson also moderated a session, “Facing the Retirement Security Challenge,” on the first day of the conference.

Professor William Kaplin presented a paper, “Equity, Accountability, and Governance: Three Pressing Mutual Concerns of Higher Education and Elementary/Secondary Education,” at the Stetson Annual National Conference on Higher Education Law on Feb. 20, 2007. At the same conference the following day, Kaplin co-presented a post-conference session on “Comparative Perspectives on Higher Education Law,” with Barbara Lee of the United States and Dennis Farrington and David Palfreyman from the United Kingdom.

Professor Suzette Malveaux moderated “D.C. Area Legal History Roundtable: Slavery,” held at American University’s Washington College of Law on April 20, 2007. She was also a panelist in a discussion titled “Law and Social Change.”

Clinical Assistant Professor Faith Mullen and Professor Lisa Lerman participated in an ethics panel at the AALS Clinical Conference in New Orleans, La., in early May. The topic under discussion was “Challenging Student Assumptions About Ethics.” In June, Professor Mullen helped coordinate a one-day conference at the law school on the conservatorship panel, where she also made a presentation on the legal process involved in obtaining a guardian or conservator. In July of 2007, she traveled to London to present a paper on using storytelling to improve performance in clinical settings.

Community Service

Professor Clifford Fishman accepted an invitation to speak as the Pearlstone Scholar before the B’nai Israel Congregation of Baltimore in the spring. His remarks were part of an adult Jewish learning program that is conducted each year in the Baltimore area. Fishman’s lecture centered on this year’s unifying theme “Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue.”

Professor Suzette Malveaux has been very involved in many aspects of community service, including serving pancakes to students during exam period in December 2006. She was also a volunteer for the January 2007 AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference; she donated an auctioned brunch that yielded $650 for Students for Public Interest Law, and was a panelist for Girls Law Day, an event sponsored by the Women’s Law Caucus to publicize the legal profession to area girl scouts. Professor Malveaux has also participated as a runner in a number of local charity fundraisers, as well as volunteered a great deal of her time as a moot court adviser to CUA law students.

Professor Marin Scordato spoke about the legal profession to approximately 100 high school students at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Md., on Jan. 30, 2007. The junior and senior American Government students were “respectful, attentive and very impressive” according to Scordato.

Assistant Professor Beth Winston addressed the topic “What If Seeds Weren’t Patentable?” as part of a panel at the Fourth Annual Intellectual Property and Communications Law Program Symposium, “What Ifs and Other Alternative Intellectual Property and Cyberlaw Stories,” held at Michigan State University College of Law in late March. The same week, she moderated a panel titled “Lobbying, Legislation and Limitations: Propounding Patent Issues” at the Ethical Issues in Patent Law Symposium held at the Columbus School of Law on March 29. Winston was also an organizer of the symposium. In late May, she traveled to the University of Maryland’s University College to speak about “Why License What You Can Sell?” as part of a panel titled Licensing and the Commons as Copyright Alternatives at the Seventh Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property: Copyright Utopia: Alternative Visions, Methods and Policies.

Professor David Lipton’s volume Broker–Dealer Regulation, (twice-annual supplements, New York: West Group, 1988–2007) saw its 11th update during the summer of 2007. The book is considered the most widely used treatise in that area by law firms, brokerage firms and law libraries.


The three family law books that Rev. Raymond O’Brien has co-authored with Professor Walter Wadlington of the University of Virginia are now published. They are: Domestic Relations: Cases and Materials (6th ed. 2007); Family Law in Perspective (2d ed. 2007), and Family Law Statutes, International Conventions and Uniform Laws (3d ed. 2007). The domestic relations casebook is dedicated to John L. Garvey, a former dean and professor at the law school for 49 years.

Professor Ralph J. Rohner and co-authors have completed the third edition of Consumer Law: Cases and Materials, a law school teaching text that was published by Thomson-West in the spring of 2007.

Professor Peter “Bo” Rutledge is the co-author of the fourth edition of Gary Born’s International Civil Litigation in United States Courts (Aspen Publishers, 2006). The volume has been called “the bible for litigation lawyers,” and is widely considered to be an essential resource for all practitioners and students of international litigation.


Professor Karla W. Simon published her review of Marion Fremont-Smith’s “Governing Nonprofit Organizations: Federal and State Regulation” in the March 2007 issue of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (Vol 36, No 1).


A chat with a president: Professor Michael Noone and his wife, Ann (far right), enjoyed some social time with Mary McAleese, the president of Ireland, and her husband, Dr. Martin McAleese, during a trip to the Presidential Palace in Dublin in early 2007.

A former broadcaster and the first president to come from Northern Ireland, McAleese was elected in 1997 and re-elected in 2004. The Noones own a second home in Galway and visit Ireland frequently. They have known President McAleese and her family socially for some years.
What's New with Your Fellow Alumni

1963
James M. Cassidy was elected to the board of Gateway International Holdings, Inc.

Professor of law and former CUA law dean Ralph Rohner was elected to a two-year term as president of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. The election was held over the weekend of Jan. 6-7, 2007, in Laguna Beach, Calif. Rohner is also a founding member of the organization, which was established in 1996. The college does pro bono work on financial literacy; sponsors an annual writing competition for lawyers, professors and law students; and periodically confers the Sen. William Proxmire Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to consumer financial services law over a career.

1969
Francis X. Dee was the 2006 recipient of the trial bar award, given by the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey.

1972 35th REUNION
Rev. James Farmer has been named a monsignor for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, according to an announcement that appeared in Baltimore’s Catholic Review. Monsignor Farmer spent years as a criminal lawyer after graduating from law school.

1973
Elizabeth “Ginger” Patterson was honored at a reception held by the Columbus School of Law on Jan. 5, 2007, for the conclusion of her two years as deputy director of the Association of American Law Schools. Patterson took a leave of absence from her full-time faculty position as associate professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center to work for AALS. She is former chair of the D.C. Public Service Commission, has served on the editorial board of the Washington Lawyer, and practiced privately with the D.C. firm of Hogan and Hartson. Patterson has also taught Conflicts at Catholic University. “Ginger is a superb role model, the kind of person and the kind of lawyer that every young person should strive to be,” said law school Dean Veryl Miles.

1974
Betsy G. Cunningham was appointed member of the Maryland Task Force on Common Ownership Communities by the president of the Maryland Senate and speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates. Among other issues, the task force is charged with studying the education and training needs of community boards and owners, as well as alternative dispute resolution services for these communities. In August 2006, she taught a special studies class at the Chautauqua Institute in New York on “24 Women (on stamps) Every Chautauquan Should Recognize.” Cunningham also obtained permission from the U.S. Postal Service to issue a special pictorial postmark in honor of women on U.S. postage stamps.

Lawrence J. Hurley has joined the international law firm of Bryan Cave LLP as counsel in the firm’s New York office. Hurley joins Bryan Cave’s labor and employment group from Lucent Technologies, Inc., where he served as law vice president. During his 21 years with Lucent, Hurley was an executive level corporate counsel, leading the labor and employment practice group. He also was chief litigation counsel for a number of years, a member of the law division senior leadership team and chair of the law department corporate compliance team. Hurley advised many of the company’s senior leaders on a full range of litigation, corporate compliance, and labor and employment matters, including union relations, collective bargaining issues, force management and employment discrimination issues.

Michael W. Schell serves as senior advisor for intergovernmental affairs in the office of New York State Gov. Eliot Spitzer. Schell served as the governor’s upstate campaign director during Spitzer’s last two campaigns. In 1995 he was a founder of the Democratic Rural Caucus, a coalition of upstate Democratic leaders in 41 upstate counties, and served as chair twice. He has also served as executive chair of the New York State Democratic Committee from 1999 to 2001.

Ralph Selitto Jr. has joined the Florham Park, N.J., offices of the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP as a shareholder, it was announced in January. He was previously a partner at Newark-based McCarter & English, LLP. Selitto is a registered patent attorney with more than 35 years of experience in virtually all aspects of intellectual property law. In the course of his career, Selitto has counseled numerous clients in the acquisition, maintenance and enforcement of global intellectual property portfolios.

1975
Hon. Alli B. Majeed served as the guest speaker for the naturalization ceremony held at Brevard Community College on Jan. 12, 2006.

Hon. Juanita Bing Newton was a candidate for the Jan. 1, 2007, opening of New York State’s highest court, the Court of Appeals.

Hon. Peggy A. Quince was inducted into the Florida Women’s Hall of Fame on March 13, 2007, in the capital rotunda in Tallahassee. Quince is a justice on Florida State Supreme Court.

1977 30th REUNION
Mark D. Cowan was appointed to the Board of Directors of Duluth Metals Limited. The move was announced in December 2006. Cowan is a partner at Patton Boggs LLP, a Washington-based international law firm concentrating in public policy, global business and trade. He is a native of Minnesota. Cowan previously served as president of Columbus Public Affairs and as chief executive officer of Newmyer Associates, a public
affairs and strategic intelligence firm. He has also held presidential and political appointments in three administrations. Most recently, President George W. Bush appointed him as a member of the Labor Secretary’s Committee of the President’s Council on the 21st Century Work.

1978

Shelley F. Davis was the subject of an admiring profile in the Feb. 28, 2007, online edition of Washington Jewish Week. The article chronicled her legal advocacy of farm workers, both educating them on occupational health issues and representing them in litigation. Davis is the deputy director of Farmworker Justice.

1980

John M. Elias was a candidate for the Madison Council in Madison, N.J., during the fall of 2006.

1983

Nina Eldred Hitte has joined Holland & Knight’s Global Hospitality and Resort Team as a senior counsel in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. She had previously served as vice-president and assistant general counsel for Marriott International and Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.

1985

K. Susan Grafton has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher as of counsel. Grafton is a former vice president and associate general counsel for Goldman Sachs and has a background in business, regulatory and compliance matters in relation to the securities industry.

1988

Andrew F. Palmieri is one of four attorneys with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP to be named to the list of Washington D.C. Super Lawyers for 2007. Super Lawyers is an annual listing of leading attorneys throughout the state, with only 5 percent of the Washington, D.C., area attorneys chosen for this recognition. A real estate practitioner in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office, Palmieri is a member of the board of directors of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the immediate past chair of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee. He also serves as pro bono legal counsel to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

1987

J. Caleb Boggs III was unanimously elected president of the Republican National Lawyers Association, an organization that he has held leadership positions with since 2000. The RNLA is the principal national organization of Republican lawyers, comprising more than 3,000 lawyer-professionals from across the United States. Boggs served as Delaware chairman of Lawyers for Bush-Cheney ’04 and was part of the Florida recount team during the 2000 presidential election. He previously served as Republican counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. A partner with the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, Boggs concentrates his practice in government law, public policy, and legislative and regulatory representation. He maintains offices in Washington, D.C., and Wilmington, Del.

Stephen A. Whitlock was named director of the new Whistleblower Office for the Internal Revenue Service. He will administer the new IRS Whistleblower program modeled on the False Claims Act. During his 27-year career, Whitlock has led the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility and run anti-fraud and abuse programs at the Department of Defense.

Donohoe Advisory Associates LLC, a Maryland-based consulting firm that he established in 2004. Donohoe has participated in more than 100 NASDAQ listing hearings on behalf of issuers. Prior to that, he served as chief counsel for the Listing Qualifications Department of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., where he oversaw a hearings docket in excess of 4,000 companies.

Michele Masiowski Puiggari and her husband, Marcos, have recently become parents. In 2006, Masiowski left a firm that she helped create to open a solo practice in Sante Fe, N.M.

Marvin E. Johnson was honored by Catholic University’s Black Law Students Association as its 2007 Alumnus of the Year on April 19, 2007. The founder and executive director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Johnson is one of the nation’s most prominent legal mediators and arbitrators.

Burke M. Wong accepted a position as an attorney-adviser in the newly formed National Security Division, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, for the United State Justice Department.

Robert B. Judd was selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of the Best Lawyers in America, a compilation of top attorneys across the country. In publication for 23 years, Best Lawyers is widely regarded as the finest referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. The list is compiled through a peer review survey in which thousands of the top lawyers in the country confidentially evaluate their professional peers. Judd practices within the trusts and estates division of Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, PA. He is based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
1989
Christopher P. Kennedy has been in private practice since graduating in 1989 and finishing his appellate clerkship on the Court of Appeals of Maryland. In 2006, he joined an old friend, Lou Close, to form Close & Kennedy, LLC. Based in Towson, Md., the firm specializes in representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice, product liability and catastrophic injury cases. His wife, Claudia, is a registered nurse and former regional director of Clinical Research for Merck & Co., Inc.

Sanford (Sandy) B. Ring has joined Lansing, Mich.-based Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner. The move was effective in January 2007. Ring had previously served as business development officer and executive vice president of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, where he was responsible for day-to-day operations of the 200-person state economic development agency, as well as the principal liaison to the governor’s office and several Cabinet-level departments. Ring has also served as chief legal adviser to the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Michael A. Refolo joined the Worcester, Mass., office of Mirick O’Connell in March 2007 as a partner in the firm’s business and corporate law group. He concentrates his practice in business law, securities, capital-based financings, and mergers and acquisitions. He is a commissioner of Shrewsbury Electric Light & Cable Operations and has served as chairman of the Lawyers’ Campaign Against Hunger from 1999 to 2000. A writer and lecturer on various business law topics, Refolo is co-author of the book Massachusetts Secured Transactions under Revised Article 9 of the UCC.

1990
David W. Cunis was appointed by former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney as a district court judge at the Ayer District Court in Ayer, Mass., in November 2006. The court has jurisdiction over criminal and civil matters for a region comprising 10 towns in Northwestern Middlesex County. Previously, he served as an assistant district attorney in Middlesex County for the past 13 years.

Maureen Donohue Feinroth teaches at the University of Fairfax on privacy and IT ethics issues. She and her husband, Mark (1990), have two daughters, Annie and Caroline. Fellow classmates Jeffrey S. Chiesa and Virginia M. Sullivan are godparents to the children.

Jeffrey M. Jayson spent the latter part of 2006 participating in the Tour of Hope, a bicycle goodwill tour that stretched from Singapore to Bangkok, about 2,163 km in distance, over a single month. The tour’s stated goals include “to demonstrate personal commitment and to serve as goodwill ambassador of the corporate community, in reaching out to the less privileged individuals and communities, by sponsoring educational support in Asia.” Jayson reports he lost 15 pounds and capped his marathon ride with a boat trip down the Mekong River into Laos.

Ellen Rattigan Jessen is an assistant district attorney for the 12th Judicial District in New Mexico.

1992
Felicia C. Battista was promoted to senior managing director of forensic and litigation consulting in the Washington, D.C., office of FTI Consulting. The Baltimore-headquartered company is the leading global consulting firm to organizations confronting the critical legal, financial and reputation issues that shape their futures. One of 17 employees to receive a promotion, Battista provides expert consulting services to clients in matters of accounting, financial reporting, financial restatements, corporate governance and SEC disclosure requirements. She began her career in public accounting and has held accounting and legal positions in the private sector and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Gina M. Burgin was among 33 attorneys recognized as “The Legal Elite 2006: Legal Services/Pro Bono” by Virginia Business Magazine and the Virginia Bar Association. The list is compiled from a vote among Virginia lawyers and was published in the magazine’s December 2006 edition. Burgin practices with Meridian Legal Advisors PLLC in Richmond, Va.

Timothy M. Doherty served as toastmaster at the Friendly Sons’ 102nd annual gathering on March 17, 2007. He was appointed a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in 2005.

1993
Vincent Altieri has joined the staff of Rockland County, N.Y., executive C. Scott Vanderhoef as director of intergovernmental relations.

V. Dale Cabaniss was nominated by President George W. Bush to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, for a five-year term expiring July 29, 2012, and upon confirmation, to be re-designated as chair. Cabaniss currently serves as chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

Benjamin Ferrucci joined the Boston office of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in December 2006 as a partner in the firm’s business law department. Ferrucci specializes in matters of executive compensation and ERISA-related corporate matters. He represents public and private equity and management-side clients in negotiation of compensation packages. Services include providing counsel on market conditions, developing strategic objectives and advising on the advantages and disadvantages of different investment structures in relation to founders’ stock options and profits interests. Ferrucci was previously a partner with the law firm of LeBoeuf Lamb in Boston. He resides in Natick, Mass.

Craig W. Hillwig has been elected a shareholder of Kohn, Swift & Graf, P.C., headquartered in Philadelphia. His practice focuses on class action and other complex civil litigation, as well as commercial
litigation on behalf of corporate clients. He also represents and advises artists and businesses in the popular music industry. Hillwig joined the firm in 1994, following a clerkship with Chief Judge Edward N. Cahn of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

1994


Megan L. Campbell has accepted a new position as director of legal and regulatory affairs for T-Systems North America Inc., a Deutsche Telekom company. She lives and works in New York City.

Christopher Concannon was among the winners of the “40 Under 40” competition, an annual survey conducted and published by Crain’s *New York Business* magazine that identifies the top rising stars in the New York City business community and includes a diverse range of industries such as media, technology, arts and culture, finance, health care and real estate. Crain’s *New York Business* has compiled the list each January since 1988. Each winner’s name was accompanied by a personal profile. Concannon, 39, is head of trading services at the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Maribeth Spellman was awarded an L.L.M. in International and Comparative Law from Notre Dame Law School in 2006. She has since begun a new position in international tax law with the United States Embassy in London.

1995

David F. Cutter was elected as of counsel at Ross, Dixon & Bell, LLP in January 2007. He practices in the firm’s Chicago office. Cutter focuses his practice on insurance coverage matters and commercial litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Cutter practiced with Winston & Strawn, Hogan & Hartson, and Mayer, Brown, Rowe, and Maw. While in law school, he was executive editor for the *Catholic University Law Review*.

David A. Fitzgerald has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Schiff Hardin as a partner specializing in transactional, regulatory, litigation and legislative matters affecting electric utilities. Fitzgerald was previously with Sullivan & Worcester and was a former staff member on the Senate’s Environment and Public Works Committee and Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Joseph A. Hennessey is pleased to announce the establishment of Newman, McIntosh & Hennessey, LLP. Hennessey represents clients in complex multi-district business disputes, international arbitration and class actions. His partners in the Bethesda, Md.-based firm also handle complex medical malpractice litigation, white collar criminal matters and civil rights litigation. Hennessey formerly clerked for the Hon. John A. Terry of the D.C. Court of Appeals. He has also served as an associate at Morgan Lewis & Bockius, LLP and Coudert Brothers, LLP.

Sean D. Kennedy has joined the office of United States Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) as chief of staff.

Christine Yokoyama Leming and her husband, Jeff, are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Amber Leming, born on Jan. 10, 2006.

Seth A. Lipton is engaged to Sharon Noella Denning of Somerset, N.J. Denning is an interactive design manager with the *Wall Street Journal* and an adjunct professor at the Parson School of Design and the School of Visual Arts. Lipton is employed by Greenberg and Traurig, LLP, New York City. A June 16th wedding is planned.

Edward J. McAndrew and his wife, Reina, are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Thomas Dylan McAndrew, born on May 22, 2007. Thomas joins his older sister Julia.

Jason A. Pardo was recently elected an equity director for Washington, D.C.-based Jackson & Campbell, PC. He practices in the real property and asset management, business law, and estates and trusts practice groups. Pardo also advises clients on a variety of commercial issues, including the formation of business entities and corporate governance, trademark protection, commercial transactions and sales, contracts, employment agreements, and other related contracts.

Erin Reilly Swansiger married Randy Swansiger in 1999. Randy is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. The couple has four children: Garrett (6), Owen (4), Cate (2), Luke (1).

1996

Thomas J. Fleckenstein was a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates District 31 during the fall of 2006.

Jason D. Henderson is currently the games product manager for Verizon Communications, in charge of product development for Verizon’s broadband gaming services and products. Meanwhile, the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, has listed Henderson’s recent sci-fi teen romance manga *Psy-Comm*, co-written with Tony Salvaggio, as a “great graphic novel for teens” for 2007. Henderson and Salvaggio are also the authors of the forthcoming *Clockwerx*, a graphic novel.

Michael J. Caridi and his wife, Maria, proudly announce the birth of their son, Vincent Francis, born on Sept. 28, 2006. Vincent weighed in at 9lbs. 8oz.

Jennifer Hack Collins has been named partner at Guendelsberger, Collins, Henry & Guendelsberger in New Milford, Conn., where she continues to practice in the areas of injury law, estate planning and administration, and appellate work. Collin’s most recent appellate case was opposite the state attorney general’s office and the opinion was published in the March 6, 2006, edition of the *Connecticut Law Journal.* Collins is also expecting her second child in August of 2007.

Theodore ‘Ted’ Einhorn is the community activist recipient of the 2006 Bennett and Donna Yanowitz Leadership Award, bestowed by The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. The Yanowitz Award is presented annually to a leader in the community, age 40 or younger, who has clearly demonstrated commitment, involvement and leadership in the Cleveland Jewish community. An attorney with the Cleveland firm of Kahn, Kleinman LPA, Einhorn and his wife, Amy, live in Beachwood, Ohio, with their three children.

Charniele L. Herring has left D.C. based-Leftwich & Ludaway, LLC, after eight years to open her own government contracting company. Her new business will focus primarily on logistical support services for the military. Herring will work from home for a few months before officially opening her offices in Alexandria, Va.

R. Michelle Leveque was appointed board chairwoman for the Frederick County, Md. chapter of the Red Cross in March 2007. Leveque is a patent attorney with a practice in downtown Frederick. Leveque is also active in other local organizations. She is a member of the Entrepreneur Council of Frederick County and is involved at All Saints Episcopal Church.

David M. Morfesi is an intellectual property attaché to the U.S. mission to the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, a position he has held since July 2006. He and his wife, Leanne, are the parents of a son, Peter, born in May 2006.

Daphne A. Morris has been awarded tenure and rank of associate professor at the Business, Economics, and Legal Studies Department, College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, Md. Morris also serves as program director of the paralegal studies program.


Gregory J. Ossi is a partner at Venable LLP. He currently practices at the firm’s Tyson’s Corner office.

Brett M. Szczesny has been admitted as partner in the Westport, Conn., office of Halloran & Sage LLP. He has been with the firm since 1998. Szczesny has significant experience in representing individuals, local and national corporations, and municipalities in various complex business and litigation issues before Connecticut state courts, the United States District Court, and state and federal agencies. In addition to his active trial practice, Szczesny provides clients with guidance during complex and sensitive business situations involving labor and employment issues.

Molly R. Bryson was named partner at Nixon Peabody, where she practices real estate law. Bryson negotiates transactions for acquisitions and syndication or housing projects involving low-income housing tax credits.

Christopher D. Christian was elected partner within the financial services group of Dechert, LLP. His practice emphasizes investment companies, offshore registered and unregistered products, and investment adviser regulation issues. Christian advises offshore funds on compliance with U.S. regulatory requirements and routinely counsels European retail and institutional funds on organization, registration, corporate governance and global distribution issues. He practices in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office.


Briana Harris Green accepted a position with the University of Maryland School of Law’s Office of Career Development in Baltimore, Md., as the director of judicial clerkships, public interest and government programs. She and her husband, John, reside in Fulton, Md., with their 2-year-old son, Keiran.

Stephen W. Palan was elected partner within the Washington, D.C., office of Crowell Moring. He practices intellectual property litigation with a focus on wireless, wire line and data networking technologies. Before joining the firm in 2004, Palan was a patent examiner in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Nicole Renee Tzetzo has been appointed partner in the Buffalo, N.Y., office of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP, where she practices in the firm’s tax, estates and trusts and emerging company practice groups. Tzetzo concentrates her practice on tax and business matters including corporation and partnership formation, mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financing, as well as
contract matters, including preparation and negotiation of transactional documents. Tzetzo also counsels individuals and closely held businesses in the areas of estate planning, succession planning, and charitable remainder and life insurance trusts.

Stephen J. Vaughan was elected partner at Minneapolis-based Gray Plant Mooty, where he represents clients in business litigation, trademark disputes, intellectual property rights, health-care fraud and government investigations in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. Before joining Gray Plant, Vaughan was an associate at Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard.

1999

David J. Harrington was named partner at Holland & Knight LLP in New York City effective Jan. 1, 2007.

Jason M. Healy has been named partner in the international law firm of Reed Smith L.L.P where he works in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. Healy has been with Reed Smith for nine years where he practices exclusively in health care law. His practice encompasses a wide range of regulatory, litigation, legislative, corporate and contractual matters for health care clients. Healy is a published author in many health and legal publications and a member of the American Health Lawyers’ Association.

Robert A. King was elected partner in the Atlanta office of Hunton & Williams LLP, effective April 1, 2007. King is a member of the litigation and intellectual property team and is a registered patent attorney. His practice focuses on patent law, with an emphasis on client counseling, patent prosecution and complex patent litigation. King graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, and served in the U.S. Army as an armor officer, obtaining the rank of captain.

Paul John Nagle has been promoted to senior counsel for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Nagle joined the committee in March 2005 as counsel, primarily focusing on communications and Internet issues. He will remain active in these areas.

2000


2001

Peter D. Antonoplos has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Carter Ledyard & Milburn L.L.P as counsel in the real estate department, effective May 1, 2007. His practice focuses on real estate and corporate law, commercial litigation, and securities and financial regulation.

Capt. Seamus K. Barry has completed a six month deployment to Iraq as a JAG officer. He is currently assigned to Korea.

Colleen M. Craven was a classroom guest speaker at the Seton Hall Law School in November 2006. The subject was health care fraud and abuse. Craven is vice president of ethics and corporate compliance for Endo Pharmaceuticals in Chadds Ford, Pa.

Michael D. Holstein and his wife, Jayme, are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Lyla Brooke, born in December 2006. Holstein is an associate general counsel with WETA public television and radio. The family resides in Rockville, Md.

Travis P. Nelson has joined the law firm of Pepper Hamilton, LLP, where he will be working in the Philadelphia and Princeton, N.J., offices.

2002

Malissa L. Church began work for Bank of America in December 2006 as an assistant vice president in operations. She works with a team of attorneys who manage Bank of America’s commercial portfolio information, which includes both owned and leased locations. Church is based in Charlotte, N.C.

Mary Alice Kovac has accepted a position as a legal adviser for the Ministry of the Interior of the government of Afghanistan, advising senior Afghan legal officials regarding implementation of the rule of law. She is based in Kabul.

Amanda Schultz Lonergan recently began a new position as the manager of Attorney Programs, Events and Recruiting at Gibbons P.C. in Newark, N.J. Lonergan and her husband, Sam, reside in Hoboken.

Matthew P. McCullough joined the international law firm of Vinson & Elkins LLP in 2006.

Keeshea Turner Roberts accepted a judicial clerkship with D.C. Superior Court Magistrate Judges Harnett, Howze, and Ringell in October 2006.

James Patrick Scholtes has joined Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC.

Admir Serifovic and Leslie E. Vélez are happy to announce that they were married in the Dominican Republic on Dec. 30, 2006. The couple has returned to Washington where Admir will soon open his solo law practice specializing in immigration law. Leslie accepted a position with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service as its national director for legal programs.

Mark C. Stackhouse recently joined Troutman Sanders as a new associate. He practices within its lending and structured finance practice group.

Joseph M. Ward and his wife, Alyson, are the proud parents of a daughter, Anna Katherine Ward. Ward is currently deputy general counsel to West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin III.
Michael C. Zola recently joined Rep. Peter Welch's staff as chief investigation counsel for the House Education and Labor Committee.

2003
Nicole Hogan Heiser recently accepted a position with the Department of Homeland Security at headquarters in the Office of the General Counsel. Heiser will be assigned to the general law division and represent the department in matters involving labor and employment litigation.

Jennifer A. Jackson is assistant solicitor with the Solicitor's Office of Horry County, S.C., a position she took in January 2007. Jackson now lives in Myrtle Beach.

Jared N. Leland and his wife, Erin, and daughter, Kate, recently relocated to Pittsburgh where Leland is an attorney in the corporate practice group of Keevican Weiss Bauerle & Hirsch LLC, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities.

Mark Patrick Williams married Rebecca Haggerty in Sept. 2006 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Williams, 32, is an associate specializing in land use and environmental law at McManimon and Scotland, a law firm in Newark.

2004
Melissa Lizzio-Almeyda married her husband, Rene, in June 2006. The couple has relocated from Washington, D.C., to Golden, Colo., a move that Melissa reports came “just in time for the blizzards.”


Margaret E. Ives has joined Boston-based Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as an associate in its litigation group. She was previously an associate at Jones Day in Washington, D.C., where she was a member of the trial practice group and represented a variety of clients in matters involving securities fraud, RICO and antitrust law. Ives focuses her practice on major commercial litigation, securities litigation and intellectual property litigation.

Hon. John A. Jeffery was recently appointed an administrative patent judge at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va. The board has the authority to hear and adjudicate appeals from decisions of primary examiners regarding patentability of inventions. Prior to his appointment, Jeffery served the USPTO in various capacities since 1990, including working as a patent attorney with the board and as a detailee with the Technology Center 3700 Special Programs Unit. John has also served as an instructor for newly hired examiners at the USPTO Patent Academy.

Diego J. Rojas has accepted a position with Steen, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, Driscoll & Greenfeig, P.C., as an associate in the Montgomery County-based firm. Rojas's practice includes personal injury litigation, criminal defense and traffic matters.

Robert P. Waldeck was admitted in 2004 to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia; he was also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in 2006. Waldeck is employed with the law offices of John Berry.

2005
Hugh P. Carroll has joined Rep. Chip Pickering's (R-Miss.) office as counsel.

Jennifer Sincavage Connelly was recently named director of Policy Development and Reimbursement in the Washington, D.C., office of Cephalon, Inc., a small biopharmaceutical company headquartered just outside Philadelphia. She married James B. Connelly Jr. on Sept. 30, 2006. The couple resides in Edgewater, Md.

Melissa ‘Missy’ Hodgson has joined Legal Placements as a staffing coordinator in the organization's Washington, D.C., office. Previously, she was executive assistant to the general counsel at the Securities Industry Association.

Kelly M. Marzullo and her husband, Chris, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Christina, on Sept. 20, 2006. The family resides in Sparks, Md.

Jennifer Stahlschmidt McCormack and her husband, David, will become the proud parents of their first child in June 2007.


Jonathan A. Watson is a member of the Indiana bar and was sworn into the Michigan Bar in November 2007. He announced the birth of his second daughter on Nov. 15, 2006, Madeline Sophia Watson.

Ulricke Winkler, a former patent examiner at the Patent and Trademark Office, has joined the biotech practice of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox.

2006
Marc R. Cadin has announced that he is running in the 67th District of Virginia against Democratic delegate Chuck Caputo.

Kayleen M. Fitzgerald accepted a position in December 2006 as the commentary editor of Tax Notes International, a Falls Church, Va.-based weekly magazine of international tax news and analysis.

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1933
Adelard L. "Abe" Brault, 97, a Fairfax County Democrat who retired in 1983 after 18 years in the Virginia Senate, including a term as majority leader, died Feb. 13 at his home in Front Royal, Va. He had pneumonia. Considered the dean of the Northern Virginia delegation, Mr. Brault used his authority to push through funding for the Metrorail system, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. He was also instrumental in shaping the funding for the 13-mile Dulles Toll Road, built in 1984. Adelard Lionel Brault was born in Winsted, Conn., on April 6, 1909. He grew up in Washington and served in the Navy in the North Atlantic during World War II. He had a private law practice in Washington before the war and opened a practice in Fairfax County in the early 1950s, where he specialized in representing insurance companies. He was president of the Fairfax County Bar Association when he was appointed to the county Board of Supervisors in 1962. Survivors include his wife, Clarice Covington "Percy" Brault of Front Royal; three children, Adelard L. Brault Jr. of Fairfax County, Nancy Supples of Front Royal and Mary Lynn Coleman of Moscow; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

1955
Peter Morano died of complications of pneumonia March 14 at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Virginia at the age of 92. A lawyer in private practice in Washington and Maryland for about 40 years, Mr. Morano was a native of Scranton, Pa. He served in the Army during World War II in the 4th Armored Division, participating in campaigns in Normandy, France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He retired from the practice of law in the mid-1990s. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Concetta Leone Morano of Fairfax.

1962
David J. Martin died of lung cancer on Sept. 6, 2006, in Wayne, Pa., at age 68. Born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y., he met his future wife, Mimi McLaughlin, while in law school. He attended CUA law school on a full scholarship and was a faithful contributor to the law school his entire life. The couple had five children, including CUA law alumna Mary Faith Martin McGarrity, 1992. Mr. Martin served three years in the U.S. Army as the staff attorney at Fort Richie, Md., receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of captain. In 1970, Mr. Martin accepted a job as a staff attorney at Philadelphia National Bank and moved with his family to Wayne. He remained with the company, and its successor, CoreStates, for the next quarter century as it became the largest financial institution in the region. In 1990, he was named chief counsel and executive vice president. He retired in 1995, choosing to volunteer his services at a local legal aid society. The Martins traveled regularly during retirement, especially enjoying trips to Italy, Ireland and Alaska.

1982
James Claiborne Allred II died on March 7, 2007. He was the beloved husband for 32 years of Debbie and the adored father of Juli and Lara. Mr. Allred was born in Tennessee in 1946. He served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 until 1979. His service included a tour as a Medivac pilot in Vietnam. After receiving his law degree from Catholic University in 1982, he practiced with the law firm, Allred, Bacon, Halfhill and Young since 1996.

Richard P. Nockett passed away on March 1, 2007, in Rockville, Md. Mr. Nockett was married for 20 years to Corrinne Nockett. He was the loving father of Katherine Nockett and Walter Nockett and brother of Patricia K. Baker (Robert). He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

1983
Steven J. Mandell died of cancer on Nov. 22, 2006, in Towson, Md., at the age of 48.

1988
Cross Country

Alumni gatherings nationwide

Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter Brown Bag Lunch Lecture
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius hosted the last Brown Bag Faculty & Alumni Lecture Series on Jan. 10, 2007, featuring Professor Heather Elliott, former law clerk to The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Nearly 30 alumni and guests were treated to a lively discussion during her presentation “Emerging Patterns in the Roberts Court: Supreme Court 2006 Term.” Pictured here are Anne M. Law, 2003; Megan F. Wilson, 2004; J. Israel Balderas, 2006; Rebecca N. Schwartz, 2006; Professor Heather Elliott; CUA law’s Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations Bradley Bodager; and Board of Visitor member Francis J. Lorson, 1971.

Washington, D.C., SEC Alumni Luncheon
SEC Commissioner Roel C. Campos was the guest speaker at the 22nd Annual Securities Alumni Luncheon at The Army and Navy Club on Nov. 2, 2006. Professor David A. Lipton presided over the event that welcomed more than 50 alumni and guests.

Washington, D.C., Eighth Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
Darren E. Pogoda, Michael D. Lovelace, Christopher M. Vetter and Capt. Sean M. Connolly, all members of the Class of 1999, gathered at Buffalo Billiards for CUA law school’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration.

Securities Law Alumni Panel
Auld Lang Syne Holiday Luncheon
Our most senior alumni dressed in their holiday best to kick off the holiday season with Dean Miles and the Columbus School of Law. Seated front and center are the recipients of special acknowledgement, Arnold L. Hespe, 1956, celebrating his 50th graduation anniversary, and Joseph D. Crumlish, 1966, celebrating his 40th graduation anniversary.

ALL IN THE FAMILY 2007 Legacy Families

- Emyrtle Hayes Bennett, 2004
  mother of Leonard Bennett
- Melissa D. Bennett, 2000
  sister of Leonard Bennett
- Harold Bleicher, 1940
  grandfather of Colin Albaugh
- John M. Conroy Sr., 1935
  grandfather of Aindrea M. Conroy
- The Honorable Thomas J. Catliota, 1983
  uncle of Aindrea M. Conroy
- Jared N. Leland, 2003
  brother in law of Thomas Frevogel, III
- Richard E. Jordan, 1977
  father of Patrick M. Jordan
- Constance S. Mitchell, 2000
  sister in law of Michael S. Mitchell
- Hyman Raskin, 1910
  grandfather of Philip S. Raskin
- Rebecca N. Schwartz, 2006
  sister of Abagail T. Schwartz
- Alice P.L. Schwartz, 1977
  mother of Abagail T. Schwartz
- Brian James Tanenbaum, 2004
  brother of Drew Tanenbaum
- Richard H. Tanenbaum, 1974
  father of Drew Tanenbaum

Schwartz Family
Raskin Family
Bennett Family
Tanenbaum Family
Robert P. Hagan and his wife, Erika, welcomed their daughter and first child, Frances Arabella Hagan, on Nov. 5, 2006.

Doug J. Herrema began a Presidential Management Fellowship in September 2006 with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, National Landscape Conservation System — the nation's newest conservation system — in Washington, D.C., as a management and program analyst specializing in land use planning and environmental analysis.

Michael P. Hsur has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Patton Boggs, LLP as an associate attorney in the intellectual property practice. In January 2007, Hsun and his wife, Hui-Chen Chen, celebrated the birth of their second child, Aileen E. Hsur.


Brooke C. Rosen has joined Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP in Roanoke, Va., as an associate. Rosen will work with the business law practice group of the firm handling a variety of transactional matters. Prior to law school, Rosen worked for two years with Shrum, Devine & Donilon, a political and media consulting firm in Washington, D.C.


Lt. JG Sean M. Thompson graduated from Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I., in December 2006. He now serves as prosecutor with regional legal service office at Norfolk Naval Station, Va.
### CALENDAR OF Events

#### Alumni Events Calendar

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