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Founders Hall Opens

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Kelly McNamara Corley (‘89)

This year the law school presented Kelly McNamara Corley with the Distinguished Law Alumnus Award.

McNamara Corley attended Mason Law’s evening program while working full time at Dean Witter Financial Services Group focusing on legislative issues facing Sears’ banking services. After award of her JD in 1989, she continued her career with the company, which became Morgan Stanley Discover Financial Services after a series of mergers and spin-offs. Each time a change came to the company, McNamara Corley took on ever-increasing duties and responsibilities. Currently she serves as executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Discover Financial Services in Chicago, where she manages the legal advisory and compliance matters related to the company’s credit, banking and transaction services.

Despite the geographic distance between Chicago and Arlington, McNamara Corley maintains a strong connection to George Mason Law, where she supports the mission of the law school to educate the next generation of lawyers and mentors new young lawyers.

Kelly McNamara Corley was recognized by Corporate Board Member, publisher of Corporate Board Member magazine, and global business advisory firm FTI Consulting, Inc. as one of the “Top 10 General Counsels to Watch.” This award honors the accomplishments of some of the most distinguished general counsels in the United States.

In her busy schedule, McNamara Corley finds time to support several community organizations in the Chicago area. She is a member of the board of The History Makers, a national non-profit group committed to preserving, developing, and providing access to an archival collection of thousands of African-American video oral histories. In addition, she serves on the board of the Haven Youth and Family Services. Meanwhile, back in Arlington, she is ensuring the future of many Mason Law students with a significant long-term pledge to the law school’s student scholarship fund.
A Springtime Tradition

On May 25, those attending the 14th Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception enjoyed the spaciousness of the event’s new location in Founders Hall, where alumni, judges, legislators and other guests gathered to mingle with peers and sample fine foods, including fresh oysters from the New Point Oyster Company, provided by Mason alumnus Jack White (’86).

This year’s event featured a sampling of the delicious wines of Chrysalis Vineyards and Philip Carter Winery. In addition, guests enjoyed a Virginia cider from Foggy Ridge along with apple wine and other special selections from Corcoran Vineyards. We thank them for providing tastings of some of Virginia’s finest agricultural offerings.

The JLR remains one of the law school’s favorite events of the year. We are very grateful, once again, to our event sponsors whose wonderful support makes the evening possible.

The Law Alumni Association and the School of Law offer sincerest thanks to the generous sponsors of the 2011 event.

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WLA Networking Breakfast Brings Friends Together

An event that continues to draw alums back to campus year after year, the Women’s Law Association Networking Breakfast was held in April. Hope Rosen (’02) noted, “this is a great chance for our group of friends to get together each year and meet students and other alums.”

Alumnae Denyse Sabagh (’77) and Angela France (’01) made special remarks to the group. Each brought her own perspectives on career choices and the benefits and challenges of being a partner in both large and small firm work environments.

Sabagh is the head of Duane Morris’ Immigration Practice Group in Washington, D.C. She is a former national president and general counsel of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and serves on its board of governors. Sabagh is very active in several bar associations and is on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union National Capital Area Chapter. In 2010, Human Resource Executive magazine named her one of their Top 15 for Immigration Law. In 2009, Washingtonian magazine listed Sabagh as one of 30 “Stars of the Bar” in Washington, D.C. She is listed in Chambers Global and Chambers USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers for 2006 through 2010 and was awarded the first Rose Bouziane Nader Award by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) in June 2006. This award is given to an Arab-American who exemplifies civic courage, organizing skills, and significant achievement in advancing a just society with its pursuit of happiness, creativity, and foresight. In June 2011, Sabagh received the Hala Salam Maksoud Leadership Award from the same group for her leadership, strength, and compassion toward the concerns of the community and the mission of ADC.

Attendees also enjoyed hearing from France, a member of the PCT Law Group in Alexandria, Virginia. France litigates corporate and employment cases and advises clients on a wide variety of issues related to corporate transactional projects. She provides legal counsel to small- and medium-sized businesses and has been recognized as one of Virginia’s “Legal Elite” by Virginia Business Magazine (2007–2009), and a “Rising Star,” by Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars. France has lectured at the National Business Institute and has served as a guest lecturer at the George Washington University Law School. Her numerous writing credits include articles in Atlantic Coast In-House and the Society for Human Resource Management and she is a primary contributor and the co-editor of the Virginia Business Law Update Blog, which is published by PCT Law Group.

Mentoring the Next Generation

Mason Law alumni continue to stay involved and provide valuable assistance to our current students through several important programs. The largest of these is the First Year Mentoring program. Every January Career, Academic & Alumni Services offers first-year students the opportunity to be paired with an alumnum who is working in the area or type of law that interests the student.

This year brought one of the largest first-year classes in recent history, and over 160 students signed up for the program. Through the generosity of our alumni community, 150 alums volunteered to work with one or more students. Many alumni and students have maintained ongoing communications, allowing positive professional relationships to be established between Mason Law alumni and their future peers.

Another very important program is the bi-annual Mock Interview sessions held in August and January each year. The program pairs students with alumni for mock interviews in advance of the fall and spring hiring seasons. Students prepare as they would for a real interview, researching the employer and coming to the interview professionally dressed. The alums immediately put the students to the test with a formal interview and then provide informal feedback, letting the student know how he did and how to improve. The mock interview program is actually ongoing, as Career, Academic and Alumni Services works to arrange impromptu mock interviews for students throughout the year in alumni offices.

Both these programs require minimal time commitment and enable students to discuss careers and job search strategies, as well as develop networking skills.

If you are interested in participating in either of these programs or would like to be involved in other Career Services programs, please contact the Career Services office at lawcareer@gmu.edu.

Top and right: Alumni spend time discussing career plans one-on-one with Mason students during the mentoring session.

Left to right: Denyse Sabagh (’77), Caitlyn Rogalski (’11), and Angela France (’01) share a smile for the camera.
Homecoming Reception at the New Mason Inn

The Law Alumni Association and the School of Law hosted a special Homecoming Reception at the new Mason Inn, located within walking distance of the Patriot Center on the Fairfax campus. The event preceded the important Colonial Athletic Conference men’s basketball homecoming game between the George Mason Patriots and Old Dominion University. Law alumni and their families gathered at the Mason Inn before the game for a special ‘tail gate’ without having to worry about the weather. Despite the gloomy skies, Patriot fans were happy with a 65-42 victory over ODU. SAVE THE DATE for the 2012 event on February 4!

George O’Connor (’80) chats with student Melissa Alfano (3L) at the Environmental Law Society Networking Breakfast.

Environmental Law Society Launches Alumni and Student Networking Breakfast

The Environmental Law Society launched its first alumni and student networking breakfast on March 30. Students took full advantage of the opportunity to meet and speak with alumni about current issues of importance in the fields of energy and environmental law.

George O’Connor (’80) addressed the group about the importance of taking the first steps toward mastering a specialized area of law. He emphasized that becoming an “expert” in a subject can lead to new and greater opportunities. O’Connor noted that the areas of energy and environmental law, in particular, provide vast opportunities and are critical to the development and economic strength of the country, while also having global impact.

The Environmental Law Society plans to hold additional networking opportunities and to sponsor speakers and other events throughout the year. Alumni may wish to log into their online alumni directory profiles to update their listed practice areas to include energy and/or environment law in order to be included in mailings for future events.

JLEP Reunion and Workshop

Student members of the Journal of Law, Economics & Policy initiated a project to reconstitute their Board of Alumni Advisors, then took it a step further by adding a reunion and workshop on April 4 and 5. Over 30 alumni came out to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, while offering ways to improve the journal during a workshop session with the incoming editors.

Allen Brooks (’11), managing editor for 2010–11, said, “There were several take aways and some exciting projects that will take place over the coming months.”

Any JLEP alumni interested in finding out more about the Board of Alumni Advisors can also send an e-mail to JLEPinfo@gmu.edu.

Class of 2006 Celebrates Five-Year Mark

The Class of 2006 celebrated their fifth year since graduation with a family-friendly barbecue on the newly expanded patio outside the atrium. With the addition of Founders Hall, what was once the parking lot is now a wonderful, tree-filled, open space. Kim Phan (’06), 2006-08 Student Bar Association president, took on the task of rounding up interested classmates and getting the reunion started.

Phan noted that “being an alumnus means more than just being tied to a particular school, where we all got our law degrees. Events like this provide the perfect opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, who are now colleagues, and reaffirm the strength of the George Mason School of Law community.”

Following dinner, a group went to Spider Kelly’s to try out specialty drinks, called The Judge and The Jury, in honor of the Class of 2006!
Capitol Hill was a site of alumni activity last fall, as a large group of alumni, students, and guests gathered for a reception sponsored by the School of Law in the U.S. Capitol. Among the attendees was Buzz Hawley ('97), a member of the Board of Directors of the School of Law Alumni Association, who coordinated with Representative Frank Wolf’s office to schedule the event in the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The Capitol Hill Alumni Group brings together Mason Law alumni, students, faculty and friends with a shared interest in Capitol Hill. The group includes over 400 distinguished alumni of the law school. Included in this prestigious group of alumni are current and former Hill staffers, administration officials, and others involved in governmental affairs and lobbying.

“Mason Law graduates are everywhere in Washington—in federal agencies, in House and Senate offices, and in the private sectors of both law and lobbying,” says Hawley. “The Capitol Hill Group provides us an excellent opportunity to come together, exchange ideas, see old friends, and catch up in a professional, relaxed setting.”

If you are interested in joining the Capitol Hill Group, you can update your profile in the Online Law Alumni Directory by selecting “yes” on the “Capitol Hill Alumni Group” drop down menu. You will then be included directly in further communications about events or other networking opportunities related to this group. To find out more about the Law Alumni Directory, go to www.law.gmu.edu/alumni.

Capitol Hill Alumni Group Gathers in Fall 2010

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To celebrate the exciting developments in communications law happening at George Mason University School of Law, the newly formed George Mason Internet, Telecommunications & Media Law Association (ITMLA) and the Career, Academic and Alumni Services Office hosted a reception on October 12 for students and alumni involved in the communications legal field. Communications law practitioners from both the private and public sectors attended the event and spoke with current students about their careers and other opportunities in the field. Students and alumni also learned about George Mason’s newly formed “Communications Concentration” which offers students an opportunity to focus their legal education in communications law.

The 2011-12 George Mason Law Alumni Class Giving Competition was created as an annual program to increase alumni participation in annual giving to Mason Law and provide an opportunity for alumni to earn some bragging rights and publicity.

Graduating classes compete against each other in categories that include the highest class participation rate, highest number of donors, and most dollars donated to the law school by class. The winning classes will be recognized on the law school website and in Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

Classes that exceed their prior year class participation rate receive recognition, too. Donors from each of the winning classes will receive a desktop memento recognizing the class’s achievement.

To get involved go to law.gmu.edu/give and donate today, or contact your class agent. You can find a list of class agents at law.gmu.edu/give/classchallenge/class_agents. If you are interested in becoming a class agent, see the sidebar on page 26 for information or contact Development Director Christopher Corish at corish@gmu.edu.

The 2011-12 George Mason Law Alumni Law Firm Challenge is another great way to support Mason Law and have fun while doing so. Not only could your firm earn some recognition, but participation will help raise the law school’s alumni participation rate—a key metric of Tier I law schools like George Mason.

The Law Firm Challenge runs through June 30, 2012. Alumni at more than two dozen participating firms have volunteered as team captains to help and encourage their Mason Law colleagues to make a gift. The goal for each team is 100% Mason Law alumni participation. Any gift, no matter the size, counts for participation. The name of the game is participation—the goal is for every Mason Law alumnus and alumna at the participating firms to make a gift to the School of Law.

Firms that achieve 100% Mason Law Alumni participation will earn recognition in a full-page advertisement in Virginia Lawyers Weekly in fall 2012. In addition, alumni at those firms will be invited to a reception with Dean Polsby during fall 2012.

To learn more about the results of the 2011 Class Giving Competition, visit page 26.

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Laurie Neff Assumes Leadership of the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans

Laurie Forbes Neff assumed leadership of George Mason University School of Law’s Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV) in July 2011.

A service-disabled veteran, Neff served in the United States Marine Corps at MCAGCC Twenty-Nine Palms and MCB Camp Butler, Okinawa, in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Neff grew up a member of a military family, as her father served the nation for 26 years in the U.S. Navy. She is married to a former E-2C Naval Flight Officer (USNA ’80) and was a military spouse for eight years. Neff retains many ties with and commitments to the military community that has had such a profound influence on her life.

“I have had the chance to see firsthand the incredible work the Clinic does for servicemembers and their families,” says Neff. “I am privileged to have the opportunity to continue and expand on that work as the new director and hope that the Clinic provides Mason Law students not only a glimpse of real-life practice, but also an opportunity to give back to those who give so much.”

Prior to becoming director of CLASV, Neff was the Senior Assistant Director, Career Services, for the School of Law. Her professional career also includes practicing as an associate in the commercial litigation group of McGuire-Woods, LLP in Tysons Corner and the litigation and family law sections of Wolcott Rivers Gates in Virginia Beach.

Neff graduated sum laude from the Pepperdine University School of Law, where she was lead articles editor for the Pepperdine Law Review. Following her graduation from law school, Neff served as a law clerk to the Honorable John C. Morrison and the Honorable Joseph A. Leafe in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Norfolk, Virginia. She is a member of the Virginia Bar.

Neff becomes director of the Clinic subsequent to the retirement of Joseph C. Zengerle, who serves as Senior Advisor.

Volunteers Needed for the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans

The Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV) seeks volunteer supervising attorneys to assist students with various matters (landlord-tenant, domestic uncontested, contract, administrative law) on a pro bono basis. Additionally due to limited resources and manpower, CLASV simply cannot handle all of the viable clients that present themselves for representation. Therefore, CLASV maintains a list of attorneys who are willing to take referrals, on a fee or pro bono basis.

Additions and deletions to the referral list are at the discretion of CLASV. Details about the history of the clinic and the assistance it has provided to servicemembers since its inception can be obtained by contacting CLASV Director Laurie Neff at 703-993-8179 or clasv@mail.gmu.edu.

Noteworthy Achievements and News

- Graduating Mason Law students Peter Huntsinger (’11) and Brian Goldberg (’11) were awarded a prize for the Best Appellant Brief in the Northeast Regional Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial moot court competition held in Boston from March 11-13, 2011. The two advanced to the semi-final oral argument round before falling to a team from Harvard that received a prize for the best Appellee Brief.

- Graduating law student Peter Cockrell (’11) received a 2011 Burton Award for excellence in legal writing, making this the fifth year in a row that the prestigious award has been given to a Mason Law student. Cockrell, who graduated in May, was a member of the George Mason Law Review and received the award for his student comment, “Subprime Solutions to the Housing Crisis: Constitutional Problems with the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009.” Cockrell previously had received the 2010 Adrian S. Fisher Award for the Best Student Note or Comment for the same written piece.

- Mason Law’s Trial Advocacy team won second place in the Interamerican School of Law Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The event took place October 27-29 at the U.S. Courthouse located in Old San Juan. Regarded as one of the most prestigious trial competitions in the country, the competition only invites 12 schools to compete. Last year’s finals were between Harvard and Georgetown. This was Mason’s first appearance at the competition.

- After defeating William & Mary in the semi-finals and both Villanova and Southern Methodist University in the preliminary rounds, the team went up against Emory in a grueling 6-hour final round. The point differential in the final round was less than 2 points for all judges. Members of the team were Andy Fiorillo, Allison Tisdale, Kristen Kanaskie, and Kristen Kugel, all third-year students at the School of Law. Kugel and Fiorillo had the distinction of being awarded a perfect score by a judge in the preliminary rounds.

- The Honorable Jonathan Thacher (’80) and Steve Altman (’80) serve as coaches for the Trial Advocacy team.

Cooper Ginsberg Gray PLLC was named Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year by Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center for its contribution of more than $25,000 in legal services to help low-income people with family legal matters. Members of the firm are David Ginsberg (’96), Heather Cooper (’94), Daniel Gray (’96), Stephanie Smith (’08), and Nathan Olson (’96).

Below: Mason 3Ls Andy Fiorillo, Allison Tisdale, Kristen Kugel, and Kristen Kanaskie pose in the U.S. Courthouse in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they secured a second-place win in the Interamerican School of Law Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition in October 2011.
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Professor Adam Mossow briefed members of the House of Representatives and their staffs on his opposition to the America Invents Act, following up later in the day with a press conference on the same topic.

Professor James Byrne attended a meeting in London of a task force of the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) that is creating an ISO 20022 messaging format for demand guarantees and standby letters of credit.

Professor Thomas Hazlett was named to the academic advisory board of the Hudson Institute’s newly created Center for Economics of the Internet, a program on Internet policy that focuses on free-market principles.

Professor Neomi Rao was a participant in a panel discussion of “Executive Powers and National Security” at the American Constitution Society (ACS) 10th Annual Convention.

Professor Thomas Hazlett joined several free market advocates at a roundtable sponsored by the Hudson Institute’s Center for Economics on the Internet (CEDI) to discuss the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) actions on network neutrality, incentive auctions, and universal service.

Professor Todd Zywicki was selected to give the keynote address at the American Financial Services Association (AFSA) 13th State Government Affairs & Legal Issues Forum held in Denver.

Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm testified before the House Judiciary Committee’s Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee on efforts to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a state may carry concealed firearms in the state.

Professor J.W. Verret appeared at a hearing of the House Financial Services Committee to testify about Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) operations and proposed regulatory changes.

Professor Helen Alvaré will be awarded the 2012 Notre Dame Evangelism Vitae Medal by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life.

Professor Steven J. Eagle was appointed by the American Bar Association as Section Advisor to the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Law’s committee that will prepare revisions to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (1972).

Professor Joshua Wright spoke at the ABA Section of Antitrust Law Fall Forum, appearing on a panel entitled “Healthcare: Accountable Care Organizations.”

Northern Virginia Pro Bono Reception

Honors Professor Jack Costello

The School of Law was honored to have the Annual Northern Virginia Pro Bono Reception on its campus in June. The event, hosted by the Arlington County Bar Foundation, was sponsored by Legal Services of Northern Virginia, the Foundations of the Alexandria and Fairfax Bar Associations and the Arlington County Bar Foundation. The event honors the many volunteers who help hundreds of Northern Virginia residents receive free legal assistance on issues ranging from domestic violence to foreclosure. Mason Law alumni were among the volunteers honored, including George W. Wyatt (95), who was specially recognized as a pro bono attorney. Additionally, Dwight M. Brenner (92), Katherine C. Pickens (97), and Michael P. DeGrandis (95) were named as 2011 Chief Justice Harry Carnico Pro Bono Award winners. Many other alumni participated in LSNV’s pro bono programs volunteering their time and talents during the past year.

A very special part of the evening honored Professor Jack Costello in appreciation of his pioneering vision of externships and community service learning for law students. Mark Cummings (78) presented the award on behalf of the Arlington County Bar Association and fellow attorneys.

“Jack Costello brings prestige to the George Mason Law School and community,” said Cummings. “He is beloved by his students and colleagues. He is unwavering in his support of clinics, externships, and programs that make justice available to the poor and downtrodden.”

Professor Costello graciously accepted the award with his usual style and humor.

Highlights from Our Faculty News

The School of Law faculty closed out the year 2010 with the news that Professor Jonathan Mitchell had been named Solicitor General of Texas, while 2011 ushered in three additions to the faculty.

Senior Lecturer in Law Jay Kelly Wright joined the faculty in the spring semester after more than 35 years in private law practice, where he specialized in complex civil litigation, with special expertise in cases involving administrative, constitutional, professional liability and securities law. Wright teaches Administrative Law and Civil Procedure.

Also joining the faculty for the spring 2011 semester were Visiting Assistant Professors Brian Sanders and Justin (Gus) Hurwitz. Sanders taught administrative law and civil procedure during the semester, while Hurwitz taught administrative law.

In the fall the law school welcomed Assistant Professor Elina Treyger and Visiting Assistant Professor Jeremy Kidd (97).

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced the appointment of Professor Michael Krauss and 17 other Maryland citizens to the Maryland State Advisory Committee.

Professor James Byrne traveled to Asia for a series of executive briefings and conferences in Beijing, Singapore, and Taipei.

Professor Nelson Lund was a featured participant in a Cato Institute Policy Forum entitled, “The Future of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.” The forum was co-sponsored by the Federalist Society’s Civil Rights Practice Group.

A few weeks later, Professor Neomi Rao took part in a symposium on international law hosted by American University Washington College of Law’s International Law Review.

Professor Helen Albare made an appearance at a Capitol Hill legislative hearing, where she provided testimony on the Reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act.”

Professor Ilya Somin took part in a panel discussion at the Northwestern University School of Law on the implications of accelerating technological development for democracy.

Professor Eric Claeys testified at a House Judiciary Committee Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee legislative hearing on “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011” (REINS).

Professor Ilya Somin participated in the 2011 Indiana Law Review Symposium on “What If: Counterfactuals in Constitutional History” held at Indiana University. Somin led a discussion entitled, “What if Kelo Had Gone the Other Way?” A few days later, he participated in a debate at Amerhart College entitled, “Is Health Care Reform Constitutional?”

Professor Steven J. Eagle spoke at a workshop for members of the California Coastal Commission in Santa Rosa, California, to address the legal basis and policy implications of the “Single Economic Parcel” theory.

Professor Todd Zywicki made a visit to Capitol Hill, where he gave testimony in a House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on TARP Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing. The subject of the hearing was “Who’s Watching the Watchmen: Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.”

Professor Joshua Wright testified two days later at a Capitol Hill hearing of the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and the Internet. The subject of the hearing was, “How Will the Proposed Merger Between AT&T and T-Mobile Affect WirelessTelecommunications Competition?”

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A bit of advance celebration is in order as Jonathan Woodward ('11) (right) joins family and friends in savoring the Annual Graduation Reception held the Friday evening prior to commencement ceremonies.

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January 18, 2012
First-Year Student/Alumni Mentoring Program Networking Breakfast
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

February 4, 2012
GMU Homecoming: Law Alumni Tailgate and Basketball Game
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

February 5–6, 2012
John C. Costello Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition
Fairfax, Virginia

February 4–6, 2012
George Mason University Homecoming Weekend
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

February 17–18, 2012
ABA Regional Client Counseling Competition
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

February 25, 2012
Virginia State Bar Association Minority Pre-Law Conference
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

February 28–29, 2012
Virginia Bar Exam Alumni Luncheons
Norfolk, Virginia

March 24, 2012
Most Court Board First-Year Student Competition
First Rounds
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

March 31, 2012
Most Court Board First-Year Student Competition
Advancing Rounds
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

April 11, 2012
Celebration of Distinction, including Distinguished Law Alumnae
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

May 23, 2012
14th Judicial and Legislative Reception
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

More detailed information about these events can be found at the Alumni Services web page or by sending an e-mail to lawalum@gmu.edu.
Kurt Ferstl, Senior Counsel at Boeing, graduated cum laude from Mason Law in 1999. From 1999 through 2007, Ferstl practiced government contracts law at Reed Smith, LLP in Washington, D.C. In 2002 he took a year-long “sabbatical” when his Virginia Army National Guard unit was called up to active duty as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Ferstl served with distinction in Afghanistan as the Operations and Intelligence Sergeant on a Special Forces Military Freefall Detachment. In 2007 Ferstl left Reed Smith to join Boeing’s In-house law department in Seattle, supporting Boeing Defense, Space and Security.

How did you find and secure a job at Boeing?

I first heard about the job opening in 2006 through a recruiter but did not apply. Later I learned the attorney who was hired at that time planned to leave Boeing for personal reasons, so I began checking the Boeing hiring web. When the job posting reappeared, I applied, went through the interview process—and here I am.

What comparisons or contrasts can you make between private practice and in-house counsel?

Obviously the most significant contrast is not having to bill time in-house. As far as comparisons go, I have been fortunate to belong to two very different high-quality legal organizations. At Reed Smith I worked with a talented group of attorneys and really learned the nuts and bolts of lawyering. At Boeing, I am fortunate to work with an equally exceptional group of attorneys who have a wide variety of professional and legal backgrounds. In my office at Puget Sound my law department colleagues include a retired Air Force/JAG colonel, a former State Department foreign service officer; a former counsel for national security affairs (and fellow Special Forces veteran) to a senior U.S. Senator; a former federal circuit court clerk; and a second generation, 25-year Boeing employee who started in the company as a summer hire after graduating high school.

What types of projects take up most of your time? Do you focus on any particular type of law?

I am the program counsel for two different Boeing military aircraft programs. The first is a direct commercial sale of a commercial-derivative 737 configured as an airborne early warning and control aircraft to a foreign government. The other program is the Boeing component of an Air Force fighter. As a program counsel, I serve as the “small G” general counsel for these programs. Most of my projects are U.S. federal and foreign government contracts related at both the prime contract and subcontract levels. If an issue arises that is outside my area, I steer my clients to one of my colleagues in the law department with the right skill set.

Can you comment on the impact of the recent economic changes in the legal market on in-house counsel, and/or at Boeing?

The one change is the tightening of outside counsel budgets. However, this really doesn’t change how I support my clients on a daily basis, as I usually go to outside counsel only for issues requiring narrow, specialized experience or issues that require a significant surge in attorney time. One key emphasis in the Boeing law department is that we are “doers” and not just outside counsel managers.

Could you provide any thoughts or stories about your student experience at Mason Law?

I had an interesting Mason Law experience early in my time at Boeing. A partner at a D.C. firm who co-taught my Government Contracting course supports several of the Boeing programs hosted in my office, and we began working together on a significant issue during my first week at Boeing. My former law professor became a friend and colleague, and it gives me the ability to say things like “as my esteemed professor of government contracts law would say” on conference calls!

Please share any other thoughts or comments about your experience as an in-house counsel.

I sit on the leadership teams of the programs I support, so frequently I am involved in business decisions that are not purely legal issues but may still have significant legal consequences. In those situations, while it is important to advise the clients of the consequences of any proposed course of action, it is even more important to distinguish clearly between legal and business advice. Furthermore, because I work so closely with my programs, I have to live with the advice I provide on a daily basis. On a final personal note, working at Boeing after a 21-year military career is especially rewarding. I think I’ve jumped out of, flown on, or been supported in combat by just about every Boeing aircraft in the current inventory.
A Message From Dean Polsby

Things are changing at George Mason. You can see it just by walking down Fairfax Drive. With the completion of Founders Hall, our Arlington home has begun to look more like a campus rather than an ordinary city block. The law school has refurbished the fourth floor of Hazel Hall for our student organizations and received some elbow room in the new building. The new building provides more options for large student and alumni events, some classrooms for the law program, more study space for our students, and outdoor community seating for warmer days. For the first time in decades, we are faced with an overabundance of parking. The old law school building, which most recently housed the School of Public Policy, has been officially closed. In the face of uncertain budgets, the future of this building so many of you know so well is undetermined.

A new era has begun as well in our academic and financial planning. In March, President Merten announced he will retire, after 16 years of service. A presidential search is underway. At the same time, the Board of Visitors voted to raise tuition by less than 7%—the lowest increase our students have seen in six years. At the law school, we place the highest priority on keeping tuition and fees low and increasing scholarship dollars. We look forward to working with the future leadership in Fairfax and on the Board of Visitors to accomplish the law school's objectives.

Our commitment to providing a superior education at an affordable cost is one of the many reasons we must continue to increase private support. My sincere thanks go out to all who participated in the inaugural Class Giving Competition. Our annual giving rates remain the highest in the University. As 2011 draws to a close, we have the good fortune to be working with several alumni seeking to establish or endow new Mason scholarships totaling thousands of dollars. We are grateful. Our students are grateful. And they are putting your contributions to great use. From advancing in new trial competitions, to founding new law journals, to undertaking public service initiatives in the Commonwealth and elsewhere, our law students excel.

While we look to the future with optimism, we mark the end of 2011 with some sadness. Not only have we lost members of our alumni community—and some were taken well before their time—but we also mourn the loss of thousands of dollars. We are grateful. Our students are grateful. And they are putting your contributions to great use. From advancing in new trial competitions, to founding new law journals, to undertaking public service initiatives in the Commonwealth and elsewhere, our law students excel.

A Footnote—We are pleased to share that Provost Peter Stearns has announced a two-year extension of Dean Polsby’s term as Dean of the School of Law, to June 30, 2015.

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My primary goal as president of the George Mason School of Law Alumni Association was to build a sense of community among the alumni. As George Mason grows, its alumni play a critical role in the direction that the school takes, the reputation that it develops, and most importantly, in the graduates that it produces. Although I am confident that we have begun to lay the groundwork, we still have a ways to go in developing a community to which all of our alumni feel connected.

During my two-year tenure, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting and working with many alumni, students, faculty, and law school administrators. Without exception, these individuals have displayed a dedication to Mason Law that is awe inspiring.

I challenge each of you to join the alumni community in any way you feel comfortable, no matter how great or small a participant you would like to become. I cannot emphasize enough how important alumni involvement and support is to the well-being of the school. Mason Law certainly benefits greatly from those alumni and supporters who actively and consistently play a role in school functions; however, those alumni who contribute even a small amount add a great deal of value, as well.

The student experience and school reputation is enhanced by our alumni participation. Many of the school’s programs take a nominal amount of time and effort by each individual alum but provide invaluable direct benefits to our students and indirect benefits to our school. In addition, I have yet to encounter an alum who participated in a school program who did not feel rewarded by his or her contribution.

For those of you who have not been to Arlington in a couple of years, it is time to come back and see all of the improvements. The second phase of the construction process is complete, giving the Arlington campus a beautiful new facility.

The Alumni Association is reaching out to alumni from all years and geographic locations to reconnect with everyone. We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you, and we encourage you to reach out to the school by contacting either the Alumni Association or the school directly.

Let’s all work together to keep building the Mason Law community into the foundation of a prestigious, top-tier law school.
Winners Named in Inaugural Mason Law Alumni Class Competition

The Office of Development announces the winners of the FY11 George Mason Law Alumni Class Competition. The FY11 George Mason Law Alumni Class Competition was created as an annual program to increase alumni participation in annual giving to Mason Law, and provide an opportunity for alumni to earn some “bragging rights” and publicity. Competition categories included the class with the highest participation rate, highest number of donors, greatest increase in participation, and most dollars donated to the law school.

- **Highest participation rate—Class of 1976 and 1979 (25 percent)**
- **Most alumni donors—Class of 2009 (64 donors)**
- **Greatest increase in class participation rate—Class of 1979 (11.11 percent, up from 5.88 percent—a 5.23 percent increase)**
- **Most dollars donated to the School of Law—Class of 1994 (over $85,000)**

These five classes will receive recognition in School of Law development materials and on the law school’s web site. Those members of the winning classes who made donations in FY11 will receive a special memo thanking their achievement.

Twelve of the law school’s 36 alumni classes met or exceeded their FY10 class participation rate:

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Special congratulations go to the Classes of 1975, 2009, and 2010, who met their class participation goals of a five percent increase in participation in FY11 over FY10.

The FY12 challenge is already underway. If you want to help your class win next year, contact your class agent listed at www.law.gmu.edu/give/class_challenge_2012/class_agents. If there is no agent listed for your class and you want to take on the role, you can contact Christopher Gorish at cgorish@gmu.edu.

So you want to be an Agent?

Class Agents are integral to the success of the class communication and development effort at George Mason Law.

Class agents encourage classmates to relay information about their lives and careers to the law school and help support the annual giving effort at George Mason Law. Once every six to eight weeks, you will communicate via the class list server to update your classmates on events at the law school, volunteer opportunities, and other ways to get the word out to your classmates about the importance of making their annual gift to the School of Law.

A current list of class agents may be found on the Mason Law website.

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area with their four sons. Tracy has worked for a literary agent and opened her own agency in 2002. In 2009 she became O/Counsel at Randall A. Wolff & Associates in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Chris Leadman (97) is an NCIS special agent in Bahrain handling all national security investigations for all U.S. Navy activities in the Middle East. He was stationed previously in Singapore and Hawaii.

Matt Psakul (97) was appointed to the position of Vice President, Patent Litigation, by WiLAN Inc. in Ottawa, Ontario. He manages the company’s patent litigations and assists in licensing support and the negotiation and drafting of patent acquisition and licensing agreements.

Paul Daniels (97) joined the personal injury department of Ward Black Law in the practice areas of personal injury, premises liability, and car accidents as supervising attorney. He has served since 2008 as a member of the Guilford County Board of Education in the third-largest school district in North Carolina.

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Paul Pelish (97) owns a title company in Loudoun County. He has a daughter, Elizabeth, who is ten years old.

Bilal Sayerd (97) has joined the antitrust and competition group in Kirkland & Ellis’ Washington office as a partner. He focuses his practice on federal merger, civil and criminal antitrust matters.

Daniel Ruttenberg (97) was named by Hโกdng Mason SmartCEO magazine as being among the greatest Washington, D.C., attorneys as “Legal Elite” for 2010.

David Deane (97) was named one of Northern Virginia’s “Top Criminal Lawyers” by Northern Virginia magazine.

David Garland (96) is a magistrate in Roanoke, Virginia. He enjoys playing piano and is an airplane pilot with several ratings.

Jennifer Hodge (95) gave birth to a son, Lorimer Frost Hodge, on December 6, 2011.

David Dingman (89), a partner in Reed Smith’s Commercial Construction Industry Group, was named one of Virginia’s “Leaders in Construction” by Virginia Mason SmartCEO magazine.

John Boyd (93) joined Rimon Law Group as a partner in Richmond, Virginia, Patent Prosecution and Litigation group, where he focuses on startups and startup financing, technology licensing and healthcare industries.

W. Garrett (93) joined the Washington office of Mayer Brown as a partner in the firm’s intellectual property practice. His focus is patent law, particularly the areas of electronics and computer technology.

Tim Brunick (93) recently earned the peer review rating of AV Preeminent* from Martindale Hubbell law directory. Tim is with the law firm of Van Culin, Delphy, Rapaport, Hall, Brunick & Garriott in Norfolk, Virginia.

Katherine Hunter Terry (93) recently obtained certification as a Child Welfare Law Specialist. She is the child advocate attorney in the DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center in Atlanta.

Rodney Turner (93) and wife Kim are the proud parents of twins, Aaron Rodney and Naomi Yvonne, born in February 2011.

Wayne Cimons (93) is counsel for State Farm Federal Affairs in New York, New York.

Jonathan Osha (93) and wife Beth Liebling (91) live in Texas, where he is a partner in Osha Lipp LLP, dealing with patent, trademark, litigation and IP counseling. Beth is a lawyer in private practice whose focus is intellectual property litigation and licensing, trademarks, trade secrets, and unfair competition.

Carolyn Grimes (91) of Lieblich & Grimes, PC, was included in Virginia Lawyer Weekly’s 2011 class of “Leaders in the Law.”

Cully Stimson (92), senior legal fellow at the Heritage Foundation, testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security in April.

Michael Goodove (92), a partner in the Norfolk law firm of Bland, Swartz, Swartz & Ruttenberg, PC, was recently selected to the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” by the American Trial Lawyers Association. He specializes in plaintiffs’ personal injury.

Charles Zogby (91) was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett to serve as his budget director.

Karen Brown (91) was appointed to the Virginia Parole Board, for which she serves as vice chairman.

President Obama announced his nomination of Maureen O’Hausen (91) to the Federal Trade Commission. Maureen is currently an attorney at Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP where she is a partner in the firm’s privacy, data protection and cybersecurity practice. Maureen was featured in a December article in The Daily magazine.

Shirley Keisler (91) is a member of Grenter, Anderson, Starce, Duffel & Keisler, PC, in reston, Virginia, effective July 1, 2011.

Ellen Murray (90) was named by President Obama to the newly launched Government Accountability and Transparency Board. Ellen is currently Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services.

Michael Dingman (89), a partner in Reed Smith’s Construction Industry Group, was named one of Virginia’s “Leaders in Construction” by Virginia Mason SmartCEO magazine.

Susan Bradley Terley (89) has joined the board of directors of Virginia Company Bank. She is a partner at Terley Robinson P.C. in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she practices in the areas of community association, real estate acquisition, financing and development, commercial and residential real estate transactions, and business law.

Joseph Rolnicki (88) joined Evans & Dixon as a member in the firm’s Business Services group, specializing in all aspects of intellectual property and licensing.

Michael Duffly (88) was appointed as the director of federal marketing programs at McCarthy Building Companies Inc., where he is responsible for development of client associations and supervision of sales for the company’s federal business unit with a focus on military and civilian federal agency work.

Todd Furniss (87) is a founder and managing partner of global litigation firm LCP, a litigation firm focused on companies in the technology-enabled business services sector and healthcare.

Sandie Havelink (86), president of The Havelink Law Firm, PC, was selected as a “Super Lawyer” in the Washington, D.C., metro area.

Kathy Zachem (85) is Senior Vice President, Regulatory and State Legislative Affairs, for Comcast Corporation.

Barbara Kinchow (84) was named to SmartCEO Magazine’s list of “Virginia’s Legal Elite,” a list of 120 top attorneys in metropolitan Washington, D.C. She is president of Centre Consulting and a partner in Centre Law Group.

Barbara Lloyd-Kessinger (84) is a counsel at Von Keller Law, PC, in Manassas, Virginia, practicing family and elder law matters with a special focus addressing the legal concerns of those with special needs.

Lou Perullo (84) has practiced intellectual property law at the BLM TJ. Waton Research Center for a good part of 2010 and opened Lloyd, Kinchow & Grain, Horin, who have a practice in Westchester County, New York, and have five children.

Richard Shapiro (84) is a personal injury lawyer in Virginia Beach, Virginia, recently made the news with his invention of a child’s wagon that is easier to carry and load due to his patented invention of handles and wheels that fold over into the wagon. Shapiro signed a licensing agreement with Radio Flyer for the use of his inventions.

Eugene C. Miller (84) retired after 25 years as the managing member of the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wilson, Grossman, Miller & Marcus and subsequently joined the law firm of Weintraub Schwartz PC, specializing in personal injury litigation on behalf of plaintiffs.

Holly Kozlowski (84), a partner at Porter Wright in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been ranked among the top attorneys in Ohio in the practice area of Intellectual Property Law.

David H. Miller (84) was named to the SmartCEO Magazine as being among the greatest Washington, D.C., area’s “Legal Elite for 2010.”

Jim Rowe (77) was a circuit judge in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties, West Virginia, since his appointment in 1980 and Earlier.

Steve B. Duches (75) is an assistant professor at Pfeiffer University.
IN MEMORIAM

The entire Mason Law community extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those alumni listed below. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

Madeleine Charney-Wolk ('97)
Elizabeth B. Fitzwater ('95)
Gary L. Smith ('91)
John C. Pasierb ('87)
Robert J. Taylor Jr. ('82)
LCDR Mary McGowan Slappey ('77)

In addition, we note the passing this year of Professor Ferdinand (Andy) Schoettle and Foundation Professor of Law Emeritus Robert A. Anthony, whose contributions were many and whose absence will be felt.

LOST ALUMNI

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have lost touch with the following graduates of the Class of 1986. In addition, we are looking for several members of the Class of 1996. To update contact information, alumni can write to: lawalum@gmu.edu.

1986
Beth Hilton Clark
Jane Downey
Bruce Haefner
Connie Kobakoff

1996
Laura Drewry
Michael T. Green
Michael Murawski

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