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Below: Opening Ceremonies for the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Court Competition (Vis Moot) held annually in Vienna, Austria. Read more inside on page 16...
Students at George Mason University School of Law know that when you see a group of puppies frolicking in the Levy Atrium, it’s time to hit the books in earnest.

On April 24 a group of squirming puppies made a spring pilgrimage to the law school for an event dubbed “Puppy Day” designed to help ease the pain of the pre-exam period and give students a chance to take a deep breath in the midst of exam preparation.

Puppy Day has become a popular semi-annual tradition at Mason Law, which has found itself on the leading edge of a growing movement in which dogs are used to help relieve stress and improve quality of life for students facing the rigors of higher education and its demands. Other universities, including Yale, Tufts, Emory, and Maryland, have pursued similar programs as an alternate form of therapy for their students.

Mason Law’s Puppy Day was the brainchild of law school staff member Rusty O’Connor. The event took place for the first time in spring 2011, when Debbie Marson of A Forever-Home Rescue Foundation arrived along with two volunteers and a contingent of puppies, which were placed in small enclosures in the law school atrium to tumble and play for the enjoyment of stressed-out law students. Since then, during exam time in the fall and spring, the Foundation brings adoptable puppies to the law school, where students can enjoy a two-hour period in which to visit with the pups and give them the affection and socialization that is so important to their development. This spring a second rescue organization, Homeward Trails, participated in Puppy Day, bringing both puppies and kittens to the law school.

Another happy outcome of each of the visits typically is the adoption of a few of the puppies, who find their own forever homes through the event.

One such adoption occurred when Professor Laurie Neff happened upon a particularly appealing pup. Neff is the director of Mason Law’s Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV).

“I was having a rough day, so I wandered down to the atrium for distraction and saw her from a distance. I knew I was adopting her the minute I laid eyes on her. She’s incredibly smart and sweet, and her arrival completed our family,” Neff says of Dottie, a beagle/Australian shepherd or hound mix adopted at the spring event.

Assistant Dean Richard Kelsey (’99) is yet another staff member who decided to let a puppy follow him home.

“We adopted Dynamite after the fall puppy day,” Kelsey explains. “I saw her across the room and knew she was part of our family. I am certain we didn’t save her—but rather she saved us. She still comes back to visit the law school every once in a while.”


A Forever-Home Rescue Foundation is a non-profit dog rescue group in Chantilly that operates in the Northern Virginia/Washington Metropolitan area. Its stated goal is finding permanent homes for dogs by making quality dogs available for adoption and matching prospective adopters with the right animal. Visit them on the web at www.aforeverhome.org. Homeward Trails of Arlington provides adoptions in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland of dogs and cats rescued from animal shelters or whose owners can no longer provide care. They are found on the web at www.homewardtrails.org.
On March 28, George Mason University recognized its most prestigious alumni at an elegant dinner at the Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel. The event acknowledges and honors the careers and personal achievements of alumni, faculty, and students throughout the university. Mason Law is proud to have had two of its own honored this year.

**Maureen K. Ohlhausen (’91)**

Maureen K. Ohlhausen was named as the 2012 School of Law Distinguished Alumnus. She graduated with distinction from Mason in 1991. Ohlhausen was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on April 4, 2012, to a term that expires in September 2018.

This position returns Olhausen to the FTC, where she enjoyed a prior 12-year tenure that included a number of leadership roles such as director of the Office of Policy Planning from 2004 to 2008, where she supervised the development of reports, *amicus* briefs, and advocacy filings on competition and consumer protection topics, principally focusing on e-commerce, advertising, and technology issues. While at the FTC, Ohlhausen was chosen by FTC Commissioner Orson Swindle. She also was technology policy counsel at Business Software Alliance.

Ohlhausen is the author of several articles on consumer protection and competition issues and editor of a book on competition policy. She is a frequent speaker on competition law, privacy, data security and technology topics.

Ohlhausen’s expertise is readily shared with students at the law school in formal and informal ways. She has taught privacy law and unfair trade practices as an adjunct professor and regularly makes herself available as a speaker and mentor to students who are exploring career interests in regulatory law and policy.

**Sean Connaughton (’92)**

The Honorable Sean Connaughton, class of 1992, also was honored at this annual event as the University’s Alumnus of the Year. As Virginia’s current Secretary of Transportation, Connaughton is responsible for seven state agencies with more than 9,700 employees, signs off on combined annual budgets totaling $5 billion, and travels the Commonwealth extensively to visit with local leaders and transportation projects.

Connaughton is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and served the U.S. Coast Guard as both a commissioned officer and as a civil servant in the Office of Marine

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An Annual Tradition Continues

Once again those attending this year’s 15th Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception (JLR) on May 23 enjoyed the spacious facilities of Founders Hall for the event. A contingent of alumni, judges, legislators and other guests gathered there to enjoy each others’ company and sample fine food and drink, including fresh oysters from the New Point Oyster Company, provided by Mason alumnus Jack White (’86).

Attendees of this year’s event partook of a sampling of the wonderful wines of Corcoran Vineyards, Philip Carter Winery, and Swedenburg Estate Vineyard. In addition, guests had the opportunity to enjoy craft-brewed ales from Dogfish Head Brewery.

The JLR remains one of the law school’s most heavily attended and popular events of the year. The law school thanks its event sponsors, listed right, without whose support the event would not be possible.
The Law Alumni Association and the School of Law offer sincerest thanks to the generous sponsors of the 2012 event.

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When Cathy Lazarus ('04) and David Maloney ('06) enjoyed the 2010 Judicial and Legislative Reception together on their first date, they probably never dreamed a mere two years later they would pose at the law school’s front entrance in wedding attire.

But the photo above bears the proof, as Cathy and David smile for the photographer in front of the building that holds a lot of memories for the couple. Congratulations and best wishes to Cathy and David on their April 7, 2012, marriage, an event celebrated at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens with a full contingent of Mason Law classmates in attendance.

The Honorable Daniel S. Fiore II ('81) was formally invested as a judge in Virginia’s 17th Judicial Circuit, which includes Arlington and the City of Falls Church, in a June ceremony at the Arlington County Justice Center. His 8-year term began on July 1.

Fiore is no stranger to the bench, having served as a substitute judge on the General District Court. In addition, he has served as chairman of the Arlington Human Rights Commission, the Arlington County Bar Association, and the Arlington County Bar Foundation. Fiore has taught as an adjunct professor at the School of Law, as well.

“I can’t tell you how proud I am to be a part of this court,” Fiore said. “I know that I have a tradition to carry on. It is an awesome responsibility, but I believe if I weren’t up to it, I wouldn’t be here.”

Congratulations are in order, as well, to The Honorable Jennifer Bisk ('06) and The Honorable Johnny Kumar ('83), who took the bench in March as administrative patent judges at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). They were followed in May by The Honorable Lynne H. Browne ('97), who was appointed an administrative law judge at the USPTO. Also appointed recently as an administrative patent judge, The Honorable Brett Martin ('03) returned to the Washington metropolitan area after a year in Dallas, Texas.

The Honorable Richard McMahon ('80) was confirmed by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick to the position of associate justice of the Probate and Family Court for the Bristol County Division in February. McMahon, of New Bedford, had served as the executive director of South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. in Fall River prior to taking the bench.

Six Mason Alums Take the Bench

The Honorable Daniel S. Fiore II is flanked by his wife, Morgan, and son, Gawan, at his investiture ceremony in June.
In 2009 Josh Blackman ('09) turned a random comment about whether Vegas would take bets on the outcome of the *Citizens United* case into an online phenomenon and educational non-profit organization.

“It’s a very ‘George Mason’ kind of story,” Blackman says. “I was joking that there should be a fantasy league for the Supreme Court, then realized this actually might be good idea. I started work on a program to support the idea and built it in three weeks. It went viral overnight, and we got amazing media coverage. Immediately after *FantasySCOTUS* was launched, we had about 1,000 people signed up. I had thought we might get a couple hundred law students.”

Blackman’s efforts resulted in a Supreme Court Fantasy League with over 13,000 attorneys, law students, and other avid Supreme Court followers making predictions about all cases that the Supreme Court decides.

A conversation with fellow alum Corey Carpenter ('12) led to the development of another unique feature of *FantasySCOTUS*—a real-time prediction tracker. Carpenter, whose background is in econometrics, saw the potential in all of the data that was being collected from the players. Carpenter convinced Blackman they could create a prediction market by averaging player predictions. To do this, Carpenter utilized a real-time tracker that provides predictive outcomes based on player predictions.

“there is no other source for the amount or type of data Josh was collecting in the *FantasySCOTUS* website. After the first year, we reviewed the data collected to determine how best to aggregate the choices people made for each justice as to whether they would affirm or reverse the decisions under review,” says Carpenter. “And we did so over time, so you can see how people’s predictions changed, for example, before and after oral arguments. The result is a way to see the wisdom of the crowd.” Carpenter, who is Director of Analysis, says, “The benefit to the predictive tracker is also the addition of more data. We think that the more data the better, and we make it openly available at the end of each term. We want to share it and let other people analyze it. It is interesting to see what other people with backgrounds in math or economics might make of the data.”

In the final analysis for the 2011–12 term, of the 76 cases decided, 59.2 percent were correctly predicted. And it turns out that people other than lawyers are interested in the game and the information it has produced. In fact, the most successful predictor is not a lawyer or a constitutional scholar, but an engineer.

“My favorite part of *FantasySCOTUS* is the educational component that has developed,” says Blackman. “With all the media coverage we got, we learned that quite a few teachers were using the game to teach their students about the Supreme Court and the Constitution. Several teachers contacted us and asked if there was a simpler or shorter version that they could use with students.”

To help meet this need, Blackman co-founded the non-profit Harlan Institute, named for Justice John Marshall Harlan. Blackman serves as the Institute’s president. To make the game more accessible to students, the Harlan Institute selects five cases of interest for students that are currently pending before the United States Supreme Court. Each case has an online lesson plan and a FantasyCast YouTube video describing the case—a plain English explanation of the parties involved, the question presented, the background of the case, the opinion of the lower court, and the competing arguments of the Petitioner and the Respondent. Based on the information supplied, teachers can provide students background information that allows them to discuss the constitutional provisions, statutes, precedents, and other relevant information needed to understand the cases pending before the Supreme Court. Students then make their own predictions about the cases and write blog posts. Student earn points and badges, which are awarded for topics such as freedom of religion, employees’ rights or the legislative process. Blackman notes that he is continually impressed by the quality of the blogs written by the high school students who play the game.

Mason Law 2012 alums Cara Tucker, Laura Lieberman, and John Ure are involved with the Harlan Institute, as is Adam Aft ('10). Tucker, a member of the board of directors and Director of Educational Development, notes that “the Institute serves as a resource for educators trying to make civics relevant to their students. Civics should be part of a student’s education each and every year in public school, but sadly it’s
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often relegated to perhaps only 8th and 12th grades (at least in Virginia). An understanding of civics is critical to the maintenance of our form of government and our liberty. The Harlan Institute helps by making one branch of government more relevant and understandable to students. It helps them understand the constitutional implications of real life, everyday problems.”

Blackman is currently an assistant professor at the South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. He graduated magna cum laude from Mason Law, where he was an articles editor for the George Mason Law Review. Blackman has served as a law clerk to The Honorable Danny Boggs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and for The Honorable Kim Gibson, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He also holds a BS in Information Sciences and Technology from The Pennsylvania State University.

FantasySCOTUS has been featured in the New York Times and on Hearst Broadcasting Television, CNN.com, The WSJ Law Blog, National Law Journal’s Supreme Court Insider, Above the Law, SCOTUSBlog, New York Times Freakonomics Blog, ABA Journal, ABA Journal Magazine, and many other sites. To see results of the last term’s predictions and find out more about the Harlan Institute, check out the websites at www.fantasyscotus.net and harlaninstitute.org.

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University Welcomes Its Sixth President,
Ángel Cabrera

On July 1, 2012, Ángel Cabrera became George Mason University’s sixth president, following the retirement of former president Alan Merten.

Prior to accepting his appointment at Mason, Cabrera served as president of the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona since 2004. Prior to joining Thunderbird, Cabrera was professor and dean at IE Business School in Madrid, Spain.

A native of Spain, Cabrera earned his PhD and MS from Georgia Institute of Technology, which he attended as a Fulbright Scholar, and a BS and MS in engineering from Madrid Polytechnical University, Spain’s premier engineering school. He also has written numerous papers in leading academic journals and presented at conferences. His book Being Global: How to Think, Act and Lead in a Transformed World was published this spring by Harvard Business Review Press.

Cabrera is a recognized global leader and management educator whose work and expertise have been tapped by top international organizations. In 2007 the United Nations asked him to chair the international task force that developed the “Principles for Responsible Management Education,” a voluntary framework to promote global corporate citizenship subscribed to by more than 400 business schools worldwide. He has been recognized by the Aspen Institute as a Henry Crown Fellow and by Financial Times as one of the top 20 business school leaders in the world.

Did you attend this SBA barbecue? Photo from 1987 yearbook.
Carson Sullivan ('00) was the featured speaker at the Women’s Law Association Networking Breakfast, where she presented a great Top Ten List of networking tips. As the immediate past president of the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference (VSBYLC) she shared the many benefits gained by being involved in professional and volunteer organizations.

Sullivan reminded the group that networking opportunities may be formal or informal and begin with the connections made while at Mason Law. “I am still in contact with the people I went to school with, and these connections continue on personal and professional levels,” she said.

Sullivan’s recommendations concerning professional volunteer service come from her own experiences that include the YLC’s Wills for Heroes program, a state-wide pro bono initiative offering free wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives to Virginia’s first responders (fire, police, and other emergency personnel), for which she received a Distinguished Service Award.

Sullivan is of counsel in the Employment Law Department of Paul Hastings’ Washington, D.C., office, where she represents employers in all aspects of employment law, with an emphasis on the defense of class and collective action suits. She serves as co-chair of the Employment Law Department’s Technology group, which focuses on legal issues and cutting-edge trends relating to social media and electronic discovery.
The Mason Law community officially added a new journal to its ranks this past academic year. Largely through the efforts of Patrick Austin, Jessica Eddy, and Frank Barber (all currently 3Ls), the National Security Law Journal (NSLJ) took its place as the newest of the law school’s five student-run journals, following on the heels of the Journal of International Commercial Law, founded in 2008.

The founding students became convinced that a national security journal could dramatically increase the marketability of the students of Mason Law to many employers in the D.C. area and was a good fit with the law school’s Homeland & National Security Law Concentration and the Center for Infrastructure Protection (CIP) at the Arlington Campus. Their inspiration came in spring of their 1L year, when during a random conversation about law journals the three agreed national security would be a hot topic. They became curious about what it would take to establish a publication for national security issues at the law school. So they did what any good law student would do and began to research for themselves, discovering two very surprising things.

First, and most surprising, they found that fewer than five law journals in the country focus on national security law. Austin, Barber, and Eddy, all of whom have worked in the national security field, recognized an opportunity to fill a void and put Mason Law on the cutting edge of national security law, a field that has exploded in the past ten years.

Second, Austin, Barber, and Eddy quickly realized the effort involved in starting a journal might be as great as that needed to run one. They met with members of the administration supportive of their concept, and Professor Nathan Sales agreed to become faculty advisor for the group. The law school administration agreed to provide an office, a domain name, and recognition of the NSLJ as an official organization. The trio joined a journal management class and participated in a write-on competition.

The founding members followed the example of the Journal of International Commercial Law, deciding initially to publish only an online version of the journal.


The first issue of the National Security Law Journal is expected to be published in the spring of 2013.

(The content of this story is derived from an article by Cory Maggio (3L) appearing in The Docket.)

Two Mason Law Alums Serve on George Mason University Board of Visitors

Stuart Mendelsohn (’84) was recently appointed by Governor Robert McDonnell to the George Mason University Board of Visitors, joining law school alumna Karen Alcade (’87), who became a member of the Board of Visitors in 2011.

Mendelsohn is executive partner of the Northern Virginia office of Holland & Knight LLP, where he practices in the areas of real estate, land use, government affairs and corporate law. He served for eight years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and two years as vice chair of the Fairfax County School Board. He is currently chair of the Executive Committee of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

Alcade provides legal consulting in Arlington. In the past she has served as marketing manager for Savin Corporation and as sales and marketing analyst for Can Corporation of America.

The Board of Visitors exercises its authority principally in policy-making and oversight of the University.

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For the sixth consecutive year, a Mason Law student received the prestigious Burton Award for excellence in legal writing, with 2012 honors going to Sean Clerget, a May 2012 graduate of the law school. Clerget was Articles Editor of the George Mason Law Review and received the award for his student comment, “Time is of the Essence: Reviving the Neutral Law of General Applicability Standard Writing and Applying it to Restrictions Against Religious Face Coverings Worn While Testifying in Court.”

Recent graduate Daniel J. Wisniewski (’12) is the winner of the 2012 Hughes-Gossett Student Essay Prize awarded by the Supreme Court Historical Society. In addition to a cash prize of $500, Wisniewski’s paper on Justice Robert Cooper Grier will be published in the Journal of Supreme Court History. Wisniewski has been invited to the Historical Society’s Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Supreme Court in June 2013, where he will be awarded a piece of marble from the Supreme Court building by one of the Justices as an additional token of honor.

Despite the fact that neither of them is a member of Mason Law’s Moot Court Board, law students Emily Barber (4L) and Linda Santiago (4L) brought home honors from George Washington University’s McKenna Long & Aldridge “Gilbert A. Cuneo” Government Contracts Moot Court Competition. While most of the competitors are GWU students, outside teams do compete in this event. Barber secured an award for Excellence in Writing Advocacy, while Santiago was given an Overall Excellence award. In addition, the two were the first team outside GWU ever to advance to the semi-final rounds.

Current 3Ls Tashina Harris, Tyson Johnson and Mark Scirocco walked away from the second annual Billings, Exum & Frye Moot Court Competition as first-place winners in the event after defeating the second-place team representing William & Mary Law School in the final round of the competition. In addition, Scirocco tied for the Best Oral Advocate award in the final round. Also competing in the event as a semi-finalist was the Mason Law team of current 3Ls Al Bender, Rebecca Hartrick and Kyra Smerkanich, who secured the Best Brief award among Petitioners’ Briefs. The Mason teams won 12 of their 13 matches, the only loss coming in the semifinal round in which the two teams faced each other.

Thanks to the alumni duo of Ben Maskell (’09) and Hubbel Relat (’08), alumni have the bragging rights to the annual Murphy Pool Tournament this year. Maskell and Relat won a decisive victory in the third game to beat Eric Liberman (’12) and Britt Miller (’12), the 2011 defending student champions.

Thanks to all the alumni and students who supported the event, a contribution of $1,015 was made to the scholarship named in honor of Professor Murphy.

Each year a student is awarded needed scholarship dollars with the support of the Murphy family and continued contributions to the Richard S. Murphy Endowed Scholarship. To find out how you can contribute to the Murphy Scholarship or other scholarships that support Mason Law students, contact Christopher Corish, Director of Development, at corish@gmu.edu, or visit law.gmu.edu/give and click the link for the online giving form.
Professor Neomi Rao organized and participated in a panel for the annual International Law Weekend presented by the American Branch of the International Law Association and the International Law Students Association in New York, in conjunction with the 90th annual meeting of the American Branch.

Professor Ilya Somin was a guest on the *New England Journal of Medicine*’s Perspective Roundtable to discuss the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s federal mandate requiring most Americans to have health insurance.

Professor Joshua Wright participated in a Quello Center Workshop at Georgetown University entitled “Governance of Social Media,” appearing as a panelist to discuss competition policy.

Professors Thomas Hazlett and Joshua Wright took part in a discussion on “Perspectives on the Economics of the Proposed AT&T and T-Mobile Merger” sponsored by the Hudson Institute’s Center on Economics of the Internet.

Professor Adam Mossoff participated in a press briefing on the Supreme Court case of Mayo Collaborative Services v. Prometheus Laboratories just prior to oral arguments in the case.

Mossoff also took part in a panel discussion of the first-to-file provision of the America Invents Act at the Patent and Trademark Office Day Conference held in Washington, D.C.

Professor Jeremy Rabkin provided testimony on Capitol Hill, appearing before the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution to discuss “Judicial Reliance on Foreign Law.”

Professor Nelson Lund and Family Research Council (FRC) legal counsel Ken Klukowski (’08) were the authors of a brief on behalf of the FRC as amicus curiae with the U.S. Supreme Court in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Kathleen Sebelius and Florida v. Department of Health and Human Services*. The brief was joined by 27 Members of Congress, including House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (TX-21).

Professors Adam Mossoff and Christopher Newman, along with Professor David Olson of Boston College Law School, participated in a teleforum on the Supreme Court’s decision in *Golan v. Holder*. The event was sponsored by The Federalist Society’s Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Professor Ilya Somin was the author of a Supreme Court amicus brief filed on behalf of the Washington Legal Foundation and a group of constitutional scholars addressing the question of whether the minimum coverage provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is a valid exercise of Congress’s power under the Necessary and Proper Clause.

Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm delivered a keynote address for the World Forum on the Future of Shooting Sports Activities in Nuremberg, Germany. Malcolm spoke on the topics of self-defense and firearms in a speech titled “The Battle Over Gun Control: Why History is on Our Side.”

Professor Ilya Somin took part in a debate-style briefing sponsored by the Washington Legal Foundation in Washington, D.C., entitled “Prepping for Judicial Surgery: A Crash Course on Health Care Reform in the U.S. Supreme Court.” The briefing was an effort to probe major arguments for and against the Affordable Care Act.

Professor Nelson Lund and law school alumnus Kenneth Klukowski (’08) are co-authors of an amicus brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States supporting a petition of certiorari in *Mt. Soledad Memorial Association v. Trunk*. At question is whether the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial, in existence for 50 years as a national memorial, violates the Establishment Clause because a cross is included in its symbols.

Professor Jeremy Rabkin participated in an American Enterprise Institute and Federalist Society discussion of presidential accountability in the post-9/11 era.

Professor Joshua Wright provided testimony on Capitol Hill at a hearing of the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on H.R.1946, the “Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011.”

Professor Nathan Sales spoke at a national security and law symposium sponsored by the Federalist Society in Washington, D.C. The conference provided updates on law and policy issues related to America’s national security.

Professor Neomi Rao presented a paper at a conference on the “Administrative Law of Dodd-Frank” hosted by the Center for Business Law and Regulation at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Professor J.W. Verrett provided testimony at a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee TARP,
Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs Subcommittee hearing on “The SEC’s (Securities and Exchange Commission) Aversion to Cost-Benefit Analysis.”

Professor Adam Mossoff spoke at a conference hosted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as part of the World Intellectual Property Day observance.

Professor Thomas Hazlett was a participant in a forum on “The Economic Implications of the Wireless Boom” held at the National Press Club and sponsored by the Progressive Policy Institute.

Professor David Bernstein took part in a panel discussion on a new book, *Liberty’s Refuge, The Forgotten Freedom of Assembly*, by Washington University School of Law professor John Inazu. The event was co-hosted by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and the Federalist Society.

Professor James E. Byrne participated in a roundtable discussion in St. Petersburg, Russia, on “The Legal Framework of International Trade” together with other leading experts in international trade finance. His topic was *The Role of Uniform Rules, Standards and Trade Practices in Modern Trade Finance*.

Professor Helen Alvaré was part of a roundtable discussion of “Religious Liberty in 2012: Still the First Freedom?” at a National Press Club Series event held in Washington, D.C. The event was presented by The Catholic University Columbus School of Law and co-sponsored by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

Talented New Faculty Members Arrive for 2012–13

Mason Law welcomes several new professors to its ranks this year, some of whom will be visiting and others who are here for the long haul. They come from a variety of backgrounds, including academia, think tanks, nonprofits and the bench. Their areas of expertise include constitutional law, economics, corporate governance, Virginia law, and intellectual property. Two are Mason Law graduates.

**FALL 2012:**

Michael S. Greve, teaching Constitutional Law and Administrative Law

The Honorable Leslie Alden ('83), teaching Virginia Practice & Procedure and Evidence

Kelli Alces, teaching Business Associations and Securities Law & Regulation

Jennifer Sturiale, teaching Intellectual Property and Civil Procedure

Joshua Cumby ('11), teaching Scholarly Writing

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Susan Yeh will join the faculty in spring 2013. Her scholarship focuses on property law, health, and tax policy.

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Professor John L. Costello Celebrates Retirement

Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends joined together on May 15 to extend heartfelt good wishes to Professor Jack Costello on the occasion of his retirement after teaching 35 years at Mason Law.

Dean Daniel Polsby was master of ceremonies for the event in which current students presented a proclamation outlining the contributions Costello has made to the personal and professional lives of students and alumni over the course of his academic career.

Dean Polsby remarked, “Even those Virginia lawyers who were not fortunate enough to attend George Mason Law benefited from Jack’s teaching and scholarship through the many books he wrote on Virginia law,” which include *Virginia Criminal Law and Procedure, Virginia Remedies, Outline of Virginia Practice*, and *Cases and Materials for Virginia Remedies*.

Costello joined the faculty of the International School of Law in 1977 after a full career and retirement from the U.S. Army at the rank of colonel. He was twice awarded the the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster. In 1979 the International School of Law became George Mason University School of Law.

With his retirement from the law school, Costello has been appointed a George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law Emeritus.
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Professor Adam Mossoff served as moderator of a panel discussion examining the important role of patent licensing in the American economy and to dissect threats to some of the nation’s most innovative companies.

Professor Todd Zywicki filed an amicus brief in support of the monks of St. Joseph’s Abbey near Covington, Louisiana, who have sought the right to sell cypress caskets made in their workshop without paying fees and meeting requirements to obtain certification from the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

Professor James E. Byrne gave a 3-hour course in Standby Letters of Credit at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China.

Professor Jeremy Rabkin participated in a panel discussion at an American Enterprise Institute conference exploring the effects of globalization on international law, institutions and the Constitution.

Professor Todd Zywicki was a panelist at a New York symposium in which participants debated the importance and proper balance of competition and consumer protection law to the financial services industry. The event was sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law and Columbia University Law School.

Professor Steven J. Eagle is the principal author of an amicus brief in CCA Associates v. United States, No. 11-1352 urging the Supreme Court to reconsider and clarify the meaning and weight given to the relevant factors under its Penn Central regulatory takings test.

Professor Thomas Hazlett took part in a discussion of reverse auctions at a forum sponsored by the Brookings Institution’s Center for Technology Innovation and held at their Washington, D.C. location.

Professor Adam Mossoff was a participant in a June 19 Thomson Reuters Conference on the topic Patent Disputes: Patent Reform and New Models for a New Market.

Professor James E. Byrne attended the 45th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. Byrne’s proposal that the Commission consider undertaking further work on Commercial Fraud was accepted.

Professor Adam Mossoff moderated a panel of experts at a Capitol Hill event sponsored by the Innovation Alliance to explain the critical role of standard setting organizations (SSOs) and the importance of maintaining protections afforded standard essential patents (SEPs).

Professor Todd Zywicki presented testimony before a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs Subcommittee hearing on “The Administration’s Auto Bailouts and the Delphi Pension Decisions: Who Picked the Winners and Losers?”

Professor Nathan Sales testified before the House Judiciary Committee Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee on the topic “National Security Leaks and the Law.”

News about our faculty’s activities and accomplishments is posted as it happens on the School of Law’s home page.


Celebration of Robert Anthony’s Life Features Remarks by Justice Scalia

On April 26, members of the Mason Law community joined family and friends of the late Professor of Law Emeritus Robert A. Anthony for a celebration of his life and career. Anthony died on November 17, 2011, after a long illness.

A renowned scholar in administrative law, an esteemed professor, and a true gentleman, Anthony inspired many who crossed his path in his years at Mason. His many good works at Mason Law included his proprietorship of the law school’s Pre-Admission Summer Trial (PAST) program.

The celebration was marked by the thoughtful remarks of Anthony’s wife, Mrs. Joan Anthony; Father Jerome Daly; Dean Daniel Polsby; University President Alan Merten; and Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the Supreme Court of the United States. Each speaker paid tribute and deference to Anthony as a legal giant, but remarks centered primarily on Anthony’s character.

Justice Scalia reminded the assembled friends of Robert Anthony’s faith and devotion to family, remarking that when he was called home to his God, Anthony would be measured not by his titles or professional accomplishments, but by his true character.

Anthony began teaching at Mason Law in 1983, specializing in administrative and regulatory law subjects. Prior to his time at Mason, he had a distinguished career that began at Stanford Law School and included private practice in San Francisco, chairmanship of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and ten years’ service on the Cornell University law faculty. He retired from teaching in 2003 as George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law Emeritus.
On Saturday, May 19, surrounded by family and friends, the Class of 2012 juris doctor candidates received degrees from the School of Law, bringing to fruition the dreams and dedicated efforts that led each on a personal journey toward that moment.

The 2012 commencement activities were ushered in on Friday evening, May 18, with the annual graduation reception held in the Levy Atrium, Hazel Hall, for graduates, their families, faculty and staff. The reception is sponsored each year by the Student Bar Association and provides a festive atmosphere for a final class get-together prior to graduation day.

At 10 a.m. on commencement day, all 7,700 of the university’s Class of 2012 graduates were honored at the traditional full commencement program held at the Patriot Center on the Fairfax Campus. At 12:30 p.m., members of the law school’s Class of 2012 assembled for a panoramic class photo, afterward filing into the university’s Concert Hall for the start of the School of Law’s convocation at 2 p.m.

Dean Daniel D. Polsby presided over the law school convocation, which featured a guest address by Jonathan F. Mitchell, Solicitor General of Texas, who formerly taught at the School of Law. Nathan Sales, Assistant Professor of Law was faculty speaker, while graduating students Catherine Marie Brown and Jim Howland were day and evening class speakers, respectively. Dean Polsby awarded Kristine Fargotstein, Ashley Finnegan, and Allison M. Tisdale the Law School Service Award during the ceremony for their contributions to the school. Graduating students Edward Redfield Brown, Elyse Dorsey, Matthew R. McGuire, and Chelsea Sizemore held the distinction of graduating summa cum laude.

Music for the law school convocation was provided by the George Mason University Jazz Ensemble, and presentation of colors was by members of the George Mason University United States Army ROTC.

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.
We’ve all heard the joke, “Lawyers don’t really know what they are doing because they only practice law.”

Of course we know that the practice of law is a serious endeavor requiring years of study. Many lawyers get a head start on their career and work experience while still in law school by electing to participate in numerous opportunities for hands-on experience before they ever begin a career in law. Options include clinics, externship programs, legal practicum, student journals, trial and appellate competitions, and student organizations that provide opportunities for curricular and volunteer experiences. For students, these experiences can help shape and influence their later careers.

Suzzette Rodriguez Hurley (’04) has an unique perspective on how these experiences influenced her career, from being a litigation and appellate attorney to her current position as the director of the law school’s Legal Research, Writing and Analysis (LRWA) program.

“One of the greatest assets in my training and preparation at Mason Law was the practical experience I gained through activities and experiences, both curricular and extracurricular, such as the Moot Court Board and the LRWA program. Developing written and oral arguments for moot court competitions taught me the rigors of argument and analysis and the importance of effective and persuasive presentation of the same. As a practicing attorney, I used these skills daily in meetings with partners and clients, as well as when writing briefs and motions for the cases on which I was working,” says Hurley.

Clinical Experience

The most recently added clinic at Mason Law is the Supreme Court Clinic, a two-semester course offered in partnership with Wiley Rein LLP to provide pro bono legal representation before the United States Supreme Court. This clinic provides George Mason law students with the opportunity to work closely with Wiley Rein attorneys William Consovoy (’01) and Thomas McCarthy (’01) to identify cases of interest, research legal issues, and draft Supreme Court briefs on behalf of parties and amici at both the certiorari and merits stages. Students accepted into the clinic also receive classroom instruction, analyze federal and state appellate decisions for possible litigation opportunities, and attend at least one Supreme Court argument per term.

In September 2012, the Supreme Court Clinic filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of the United States on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) in Perry v. New Hampshire, No. 10-8974. Perry is a criminal case on direct appeal from the Supreme Court of New Hampshire presenting the question whether the due process protections against the admission of unreliable eyewitness identification evidence should be expanded to apply to eyewitness identification evidence not procured through improper state action. The Court agreed in an 8-1 decision.

Clinic students Lora Barnhart Driscoll (4L), Elizabeth Garvey (4L), and Matthew McGuire (‘12) assisted in drafting the NDAA’s amicus brief, which argues that unreliable eyewitness identification evidence does not implicate the Due Process Clause if it was not procured through improper state action. Students from Mason’s Supreme Court Clinic also assisted with a case concerning time limits for prisoners challenging their convictions, Wood v. Milyard, which was argued before the high court in Washington in February 2012. Colorado Solicitor General Dan Domenico, upon whose case the Mason Law students worked, indicated that using the students for this purpose allowed him to double his manpower on the case. “I think these clinics can really provide a service to those of us who don’t spend the bulk of our time concentrating on the Supreme Court,” said Domenico. (Jessica Gresko, Associated Press, March 1, 2012.)

“Being a part of the first Supreme Court Clinic had its challenges in working within a new structure,” says Corey Carpenter (’12). “As students we may not have seen the complexity of managing the program and been privy to the details of selecting cases, such as conflict of interest issues that may have existed at Wiley Rein. But once the case was assigned, we had to snap to it and get the work done.”
“One of the really interesting parts of the process was seeing the mooting sessions by several of the former clerks of the Justices,” Carpenter added. “They took their roles as the Justices very seriously. Then at the actual arguments, we could see the changes and refinements that occurred. After working on the case, I had an attachment to it—and it was great to see the attorneys argue ‘our’ case.”

In addition to the Supreme Court Clinic, Mason Law students have other legal clinics, including the Law and Mental Illness Clinic, Practical Preparation of George Mason University Patent Applications Clinic, the Domestic Relations Clinic and Externship, and the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans (CLASV), from which to choose.

Moot Court Board

Moot Court Board provides opportunities for students to compete in extra- and intramural competitions and hosts intramurals so that all students have at least one moot court experience during law school via the LRWA program.

As Kristen Kugel (‘12) points out, “All of the competitions provide an opportunity for students to improve their research and writing skills through a brief component and through their oral advocacy skills by presenting their argument in front of practicing attorneys and judges throughout the country and receiving immediate feedback.”

Alumni continue to be involved with these hands-on experiences as coaches or judges in the annual competitions. While practicing, Hurley stayed involved.

Virginia Bar Association Pro Bono Society

Mason Law’s Virginia Bar Association Pro Bono Society’s main focus is to involve students in both legal and non-legal volunteer opportunities in and around the Arlington community. This year students continued to offer services through the popular Legal Aid Intake Initiative. This effort provides students the opportunity to conduct screening interviews for Legal Services of Northern Virginia and is available to students as early as their first semester of law school.

Another important project is the group’s partnership with the National Youth Justice Alliance, through which students visit the Youth Services Center in Washington, D.C., to teach incarcerated juveniles about the court system and their rights.

The Pro Bono Society also began two new programs this year. The first is a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project that gives student volunteers the opportunity to assist in exonerating wrongly convicted individuals. The second project is a collaboration with the Advancement Project, in which students help Virginians convicted of felonies restore their civil rights. Genevieve Schmidt (4L), president of the organization, said, “Students gain valuable legal skills and expand their professional network when participating in any of our volunteer opportunities.”

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

Mason Law students have opportunities not only to hone their skills in the local community, but to do so internationally,
A Message From Dean Polsby

The 2011-12 academic year ended strongly for the law school, and we are confident that next year we will again perform well in this tough market. Congratulations are in order to the alumni who are our newest members of the Virginia Bar. When they took the bar exam in February of 2012, they set a standard never to be surpassed—a 100% bar pass rate for first-time takers, unheard of previously and something good to live up to. I mentioned this to the graduating class in May, telling them, “There is no pressure on you at all.”

Alumni have given generously to the law school this year. As our profession faces some of its toughest times, you still have made our program a priority. Your contributions represent one of the strongest years of giving participation in the school’s history, and the number of gifts continues to climb. This money goes directly to our incoming students as scholarship dollars, enabling us to attract and retain high-quality students.

This year we added a fourth floor to our library. The new space, opened just this spring, provides many additional study rooms and ample additional study space for our students and alumni. In the upcoming year, there are additional plans for our physical plant. These plans include the conversion of the former Mason Café space to a dedicated study lounge and collaborative study area. In addition, we will build an outdoor deck area above the bookstore that will adjoin our recently renovated conference room. This area will provide additional event space and will be used in conjunction with many of the Law & Economics Center’s programs for federal judges and states’ attorneys general.

The class we expect to enroll in August is strong and broadly based. Though law school applications have dropped nationally for the last two years, George Mason has continued to attract excellent students. With your help and a recent new commitment of scholarship dollars from the university, we’ll continue to be an attractive option for aspiring law students.

We have initiatives currently under way to expand our institutional presence in Intellectual Property and Law & Economics and are rightly proud of the progress we have made in the past decade. None of it could have happened without the help of our alumni—the heart and soul of our entire program. Thank you for all you have done, and will do, for us, for yourselves, and for each other.

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A Message From the President

By Kyung (Kathryn) Dickerson (’99)
President, Law Alumni Association

Happy summer, everyone. Somehow we find ourselves in the middle of a glut of Superhero movies this summer, the advertisements and product tie-ins for which are everywhere. This, of course, leads me to think of secret identities, and the fact that while we have nearly 7,000 graduates of our law school, including the new alumni from the 2012 graduating class, you may not know who they are. In fact, you may not learn that they are graduates of our law school when you meet them, or even after you have known or worked with them for some time. For whatever reason, it seems the graduates of our law school tend to be very low key about their identity as graduates of the George Mason University School of Law. Whether it is because our graduates tend to be focused on the job at hand, their future, or their client’s needs, their identity as alumni of our law school is not something that comes to the forefront. And it should.

Our law school has done very well over the years. In the most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings, it has continued to rise. Further, our alumni have achieved distinction and honor in legal practice, lobbying and advocacy, the judiciary, and in business. Their achievements are regularly touted on our school’s website, in the e-mail newsletter, and of course this edition of the Mason Law News. In fact, the recipient of our law school’s Award of Distinction, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, is the newest Commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission and a 1991 graduate of our law school. We should be impressed with the progress the school has made and our associations therewith. That we are alumni of Mason Law is something that should be part of the dialogue of who we are, whenever we meet new people. Perhaps we can develop a secret handshake!

And we should give back to the school to help support its continued growth—in time or money (preferably both), though you do not have to give a legacy’s worth of either. The important part is that you give thought to the school—and follow thought with action. If you do not know of the numerous activities, including family friendly activities, available, please review this edition of our newsletter and keep an eye out for the e-mail update you receive monthly.

No president’s column is ever complete without an acknowledgement of the ever-growing debt owed to Dana Fallon (’99), our Director of Alumni Services, who tirelessly helps direct and attends the numerous events, operations and activities of our Alumni Association. Thanks also are due Valerie Hughes (’04) and Jim Hyland (’89) as they leave the board this year for their energy, dedication and service on the Board of Directors. We wish them well and shall miss them, though we do expect to see them regularly at our events in the upcoming year.

Congratulations and welcome to Jamie Susskind (’07) and David Warrington (’06), who were elected recently to the Board.

As for you, my fellow alums—particularly those of you who became alumni in the past two years—I hope you have weathered the recent financial tsunami well. I wish you a wonderful summer and hope to see you soon at our upcoming events. We will again have a full slate of events scheduled for the next year—including the introduction of our first bowling event.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in upcoming events, please feel free to contact me at 703-790-1900 or kdickerson@smolenplevy.com, or you may contact Dana Fallon at 703-993-9862 or dfallon@gmu.edu.

With Kind Regards,

Kyung (Kathryn) Dickerson

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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, all graduates in May 2012, were Andy Fiorillo, Allison Tisdale, Kristen Kanaskie, and Kristen Kugel. 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 head coaches for the Trial Advocacy team.

Legal Research, Writing and Analysis Skills

Finally, all students focus on basic skills in the LRWA program, which requires four mandatory semesters of legal writing.

Teaching in the LRWA program, Hurley finds she is able to develop a curriculum that challenges students intellectually while also teaching them valuable and very useful skills. By the end of the four required semesters of LRWA, students know how to research state and federal matters, common law and statutory issues, legislative history, financial history, and more.

“Our students capably draft research memos, complaints, client letters and e-mails, asset purchase agreements, trial and appellate briefs and motions, discovery requests, and so much more,” says Hurley. “They can hit the ground running in most internships and jobs. While demanding, the LRWA program really helps to prepare our students for practice. And I know this, not only as the director, but as a product of the program myself.”

Celebration of Distinction

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Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection. After earning a master’s degree from Georgetown University, he joined the American Petroleum Institute, where he worked while attending Mason Law. As a lawyer in private practice, he specialized in maritime and international law. Connaughton also served as chairman of the Prince William County, Virginia, Board of County Supervisors from 2000 to 2006, a time when the Washington, D.C., bedroom community ballooned in population from 280,000 to 360,000 residents. Around the same time, Mason’s Prince William Campus also began to grow. While on the Board of County Supervisors, he helped shepherd the addition of the Freedom Fitness and Aquatic Center and the Hylton Performing Arts Center, as well as other buildings, to the campus.

Connaughton is a graduate (with honors) of the U.S. Naval War College and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1986 until retiring in 2006. At that time Connaughton was named U.S. Maritime Administrator by President George W. Bush. In that position, he led the Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and was responsible for the daily management of that agency and its promotional programs for the marine transportation industry. His duties included advising and assisting the Secretary of Transportation on commercial maritime matters, operation of over 50 ships in the Ready Reserve Force, supervision of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, oversight of the six State Maritime Academies, and administration of various shipyard and cargo programs. Prior to joining the McDonnell administration, he served as Corporate Vice President, Government Affairs, for the American Bureau of Shipping, one of the world’s leading ship and marine classification societies.
LAW ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni news has been gathered from many sources over the past several months. If your information has changed, or if you have news to share, please send an e-mail to lawalum@gmu.edu.

2010–2012

Kristin Assaad ('11) and husband Gabriel welcomed a daughter, Isabel, to their family.

Jacob Shorter ('11) and wife Amber live in Arlington, Virginia. He is employed by the U.S. Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C.

Reid MacHarg ('11) works for the Small Business Administration’s Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Blake Bitter ('11) is an attorney at KPMG in Washington, D.C.

Genevieve Schmitt ('11) is a junior associate at roth donner jackson, plc, supporting the firm in all of its practice areas, including commercial litigation, employment law, finance, secured transactions, real estate, entity formation, privacy issues, and direct marketing law.


Anna Rittgers ('10) is a senior fellow at the Independent Women’s Forum.

William H. Jones ('10) was accepted into the U.S. Air Force JAG program in late 2011, marking an end to his 14-year career with the United States Air Force Band as a musician.

Michael Melmer ('10) and Tamara Wendau will be married in fall 2012. Michael is a contract lawyer.

Kristine Ellison ('10) is law clerk to The Honorable Rossie D. Alston at the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Nicole Kolinski ('10) and Michael Dance were married August 20, 2011, in a ceremony held in Syracuse, New York. Nicole is an attorney for the Architect of the Capitol.

Ruba El-Hage ('10) is a Senior Legal Consultant at Price-waterhouseCoopers Legal Middle East LLP in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Ruey-hsiung Richard Cheng ('10) has been appointed as the treasurer of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund Board of Directors.

Bernadette Clair ('10) joined the NAFCU compliance team as a regulatory compliance counsel. She joins a three-person staff headed by NAFCU Director of Regulatory Compliance Steven Van Beek ('07).

2000–2009

Matthew J. Gaziano ('09) joined the Washington, D.C., office of Husch Blackwell as an associate, where he practices government contracts law.

Kat Walsh ('09) was appointed chairwoman of the Wikipedia Foundation. A resident of Herndon, Virginia, Walsh is an attorney focusing on copyrights, patents, and technology policy. She has been a Wikipedia board member since 2006 and was recently appointed counsel to Creative Commons, the California nonprofit that supports the use of creative common licenses to encourage sharing and remixing of media.

Ezra Hood ('09) and wife Shannon are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Violet.

Mark Wilinski ('09) has joined the firm of Cantor Colburn as an associate in the Hartford office. Wilinski is a patent attorney with expertise in electrical engineering and computer science. He focuses his practice in the areas of patent and trademark prosecution and patent litigation.

Benjamin Maskell ('09) has joined Fox Rothschild’s Washington, D.C., intellectual property litigation practice as an associate. His focus is patent and trademark litigation.

Heather A. Hickman ('09) is an associate with Chamberlin, Keaster & Brockman LLP in Encino, California, where she practices business and commercial litigation with a focus on complex multi-party litigation, insurance coverage and bad faith.

U.S. Navy Lt. Charles “Chuck” Roman ('08) and Kelly Anne Creazzo were married February 4, 2012, at The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C. Chuck is a defense counsel at the Naval Legal Service Office Southeast at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. Kelly is a graphic designer.

Michelle Hopkins ('08) was profiled in The Bull Run Observer (5/12/12) about her new solo family law practice and compassionate approach to clients.

Ashley Brott ('08) and husband Adan Trujillo are the proud parents of the official Santa Fe New Year’s Baby. Little Felix was born at 1:57 a.m. on New Year’s Day 2012 in a home birth.

Anna Escobedo Cabral ('08) was appointed to the board of directors of NatureBridge, the largest residential environmental education partner of the National Park Service. Anna is currently unit chief for strategic communications at the Inter-American Development Bank and former Treasurer of the United States. She also was named to Gov. Mitt Romney’s National Hispanic Steering Committee.

Jackie and Joe Hankins (both ’08) welcomed their first son, Hugh Joseph, on February 18, 2012.

Philip Miles ('08) and wife Sharon are the proud parents of daughter Cosette. Philip is an attorney at McQuaide Blasko in State College, Pennsylvania, focusing his practice in employment law, personal injury defense, and general civil litigation.

Matt Kuskie ('08) and wife Melissa are happy to announce
the arrival of their son, Michael Andersen Kuskie, in April 2012. “Mercifully, he has his mother’s good looks,” says Matt.

**Tyler Balding (’08)** is the administrator of Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan and lives across the border in Kenya. He is working as a volunteer through the Catholic Medical Mission Board. Tyler’s grandfather founded the Catholic Medical Mission in Sudan.

**Johna Otagaki (’07)** and Nathan Toomey are happy to announce the birth of daughter Schuyler Quinn Toomey on June 15, 2011.

**David Blake (’07)** was appointed Deputy Attorney General for Legal Policy and Government Affairs by Colorado Attorney General John Suthers.

**Mitchell Wunsch (’07)** is an associate with Hersh Family Law Practice in San Francisco, California.

**Gretchyn Meinken (’07)** was named to *Northern Virginia Magazine*’s list of Top Lawyers of 2011.

**Rusty Wright (’07)** joined Promontory Interfinanciel Network, LLC as a Managing Director.

**Christopher Krebs (’07)** has joined Obsidian Analysis, Inc. as a principal. He manages Obsidian’s portfolio of critical infrastructure analytical support projects for both government and private sector clients.

**Michael Coleman (’07)** joined the National Association of Federal Credit Unions as the regulatory compliance counsel for its team.

**Jaimy (Serbin) Lewis (’07)**, has joined The Elder & Disability Law Center as an attorney. She handles the firm’s probate and guardianship/conservatorship practice for Virginia and the District of Columbia. She and her husband, Bret Lewis (’07), reside in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

**Jamie Susskind, (’07)** has joined the Federal Communications Commission’s Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, as an attorney advisor. Her practice focuses on competition policy for telecommunications and broadband services.

**Charles E. McWilliams Jr. (’07)** has rejoined the law firm of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Enrich & Walsh, PC, where he manages the firm’s tax, trust and estates department.

**Jonathan Wentz (’07)** joined the firm of Snow Jensen & Reece, a Southern Utah law firm, as an associate attorney focusing on commercial litigation, real estate and commercial transactions.

**Thomas R. Chaffe (’07)** is an attorney at Chaffe & Chaffe, PC in Richmond, Virginia.

**Tim Keeler (’06)** is a partner at Mayer Brown.

**Michael Woods (’06)** is a partner at Novak Druce + Quigg LLP, where he is a patent litigator at Novak Druce’s West Palm Beach, Florida, office.

**Jennifer Bisk (’06)** was sworn in as an Administrative Patent Judge at the PTO on March 1, 2012. (See related story page 6.)

**Courtney Reinhard (’06)** was appointed Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai. She has particular responsibility for wireless, international, and public safety issues.

**Sue Walts (’06)** is counsel in the IP Group of the Washington, D.C., office of Crowell & Moring LLP. Her practice focuses on patent prosecution, litigation, and counseling.

**Christine Kynn (’06)** joined the staff of the Small Business Administration’s Office of Advocacy as a regulatory economist in April.

**Brandon J. Evans, (’05)**, his wife, Amie, and their son, Clayton, have returned to Brandon’s hometown in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Brandon joined Kendricks, Bordeaux, Adaminiz, Chilman & Greenlee, PC, in Marquette, Michigan, as an associate.

**Conn Carroll (’05)** is senior editorial writer for the *Washington Examiner*. He lives with his wife and two children in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Sally P. Teng (’05)** has joined SNR Denton as a senior managing associate in its Intellectual Property and Technology practice in SNR Denton’s Washington, D.C., office.

**Adrienne Shiflett (’05)** returned to the United States from Zambia and settled in Roanoke, where she joined a new law firm.

**Carolyn Muir (’05)** is the Executive Vice President of Business Operations for Strategic Enterprise Solutions, Inc. in Reston, Virginia.

**Matt Conrad (’05)** and wife Alicia welcomed their first child, Harrison Conrad, born on May 20. Matt is the Deputy Chief of Staff and Deputy Counselor to Virginia’s Governor Robert McDonnell.

**Omar Passons (’05)** joined Stutz Artiano’s San Diego office as Special Counsel, where he focuses on construction law, land use and general tort litigation with an emphasis on public agency related matters.

**Lee Istrail (’05)** has been appearing at King Street Blues in Alexandria, Virginia, where he plays bluegrass music.

**Michael Chang (’05)** is the father of twin girls born in late 2011.

**Carrie Frank (’05)** welcomed another son to her family in April 2012.

**Carrie Gray and Kris Henman (both ’04)** are happy to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter named Darby, on January 24, 2012. Darby joins older brother Gray to round out the family.

**Mandi Scott (’04)** was named a partner at Goehring, Rutter & Boehm. Her primary focus is in the area of municipal creditor rights and other municipal and local tax matters, with an emphasis on delinquent tax collection on behalf of the City and School District of Philadelphia.

**Christopher DeMers (’04)** is counsel at Nichols Zauzig Sandler PC.

**John Lehmann (’04)** joined the white collar practice of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP in New York.

**Joe Moriarty (’04)** was elected equity partner at Willcox & Savage, PC, in Norfolk, Virginia, effective January 1, 2012.

**Rebecca Saitta (’03)** was promoted to Of Counsel at Wiley Rein.

**Katharine O. Browder (’03)**, has been named partner at O’Kelley & Sorohan Attorneys at Law, LLC in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Seth Garfield (’03)** serves as counsel at Frias & Daisy, where his practice focuses on government investigations and contracts, as well as business and corporate law.
Joseph Dailey (’03) is a partner at The Magee Law Firm in McLean, Virginia.

Jim Ryan (’03) is at the Department of Justice, where he does antitrust work. He and wife Jacqui have two children, Maeva (second grade) and Michael (first grade).

Brett Martin (’03) returned to the Washington Metropolitan area after a year in Dallas, Texas, upon his appointment as an administrative patent judge at the Patent and Trademark Office. (See related story page 6.)

Kim Fiske (’03) was named Non-Profit Board Leader of the Year by the 2012 Volunteer Alexandria’s Business Philanthropy Summit for her community service leadership. Fiske is a partner with the Alexandria law firm of Fiske & Harvey, where she practices trust and estate law.

Lewis A. Connor (’03), partner with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Virginia, has been named a 2012 Virginia Super Lawyer Rising Star in Business/Corporate Law.

Bill Foster (’02) became a partner at Baker Botts, LLP focusing on patent counseling and related litigation and prosecution matters. He was previously special counsel at the firm.

Janie Lewis Rhoads (’02), an attorney with Mercer Trigiani law firm, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Smithfield-Preston Foundation.

Michelle Crawford Rickert (’02) is Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Louisiana College of Law in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dan Vivarelli (’02) is a partner in Hunton & Williams LLP where he is a member of the firm’s litigation and intellectual property team and focuses his practice on intellectual property, including patent litigation and patent portfolio management. He is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office.

Doug Adams (’02) participated in a year-long, 18,000-mile, 50-state cycling event for the Duty, Honor, America Tour for veterans, military, and families.

Matthew D. Hagarty (’02) and wife Sara Elizabeth announce the birth of their son, Grayson James Hagarty. In choosing Grayson’s middle name, the couple honored Sara’s uncle, James Kevin McCann, Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in action during the battle of Khe Sanh, 3 February 1968.

Tom McCarthy (’01) was elected a partner at Wiley Rein effective January 1, 2012.

Timothy Tobin (’01) was named partner at Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C., where he focuses on privacy, data security, and consumer protection law.

Kerith Strano Taylor (’01) was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee in October 2011. She is a partner in The Taylor Law Firm with Robbie Martin Taylor (’02) in Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Rebecca Ahern Baird (’01) was appointed to the position of Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Appellate Litigation Division, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She and husband Michael are the proud parents of twins, Abby and Emily. Michael Baird is also (’01).

Kristian Gluck (’01) was promoted to partner in Fulbright & Jaworski’s Dallas office, where his practice ranges from representing creditors to debtors and committees in complex restructurings and reorganizations, both in and out of bankruptcy court, and related litigation.

Sean E. Armstrong (’01) of the law firm of Garrett Hemann Robertson, PC in Salem, Oregon, has been awarded the Marion County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year award.

Dana Duffy (’01) was appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer for Invinea, Inc., an innovator in advanced malware threat detection, network breach prevention, and pre-breach forensic intelligence.

Mark Looney (’00) has a new baby girl, Kendall, in addition to son Jake, five.

Heather S. Archer (’00) became a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP, where she focuses her practice on the corporate and regulatory representation of commercial banks, thrifts, holding companies, and other financial institutions. She is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office.

Jonathan Adler (’00), director of the Center for Business Law and Regulation at Case Western Reserve University Law School, was selected as the inaugural holder of the university’s newly created Johan Verheij Memorial Professorship.

Sarah Allgeier (’00) is happy to report the birth of her third son, Andrew Paul Allgeier.

Daniel M. Bagatta (’00) is a partner in Cullen and Dykman LLP, one of the largest law firms on Long Island, where he works primarily in its banking department, representing commercial and financial lending institutions throughout the United States, handling commercial real-estate transactions, and providing banking clients with guidance on compliance with federal and state lending regulations.

Virgil Beaston (’00) is Chief Technology Officer for Powin Energy Corporation. He and his wife live in Oregon and are expecting a baby in summer 2012.

John Henault (’00) joined Perkins Coie as Of Counsel in its government contracts practice in Washington, D.C. His practice is focused on government contract and fraud litigation related to the False Claims Act and anti-corruption laws.

Atticus Reaser (’00) is General Counsel at the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board.

Jeff Gore (’99) and Suzanne Schnell Gore (’99) announce the birth and adoption of their first child, daughter Adalee Stuart Gore, born August 22, 2011. Suzanne is the director of integrated care for dual eligibles at the Center for Health Care Strategies, a health care policy non-profit based in Princeton, New Jersey. Jeff is an attorney at Hefty & Wiley, P.C.,

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in Richmond, Virginia, where his practice focuses on local government law and state government relations.

Lisa Estrada ('99), a partner at Arent Fox LLP, was honored for her dedication and commitment to Street Sense and the completion of her term as president of its board of directors. Street Sense is a Washington, D.C.-based biweekly street newspaper that offers economic opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and encourages debate on poverty and injustice.

Kristy Hall ('99) is co-founder and chief operating officer of REV, providing on-demand work space to professionals.

Kyung (Kathryn) Dickerson ('99), Principal with SmolenPlevy, was named to Northern Virginia Magazine’s list of Top Lawyers of 2011. In addition, she was selected as a 2012 Washington Super Lawyer, marking the third time she has been so honored for D.C. and/or Virginia.

Steven Prewitt ('99) is a shareholder in the Portland office of Schabe, Williamson and Wyatt and leads the firm’s Intellectual Property and Patent Law practice group. He focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution, commercialization, and enforcement of utility and design patents.

Brendan Mee ('99) opened a new law firm, Brendan Mee Law, P.C. in New York in January 2012. He continues his specialty as a registered patent attorney in the chemical and mechanical arts. In addition to patent drafting and prosecution, he helps clients with due diligence and IP landscape studies, as well as trademark applications.

Bryan Streeter ('99) has founded The Law Office of Bryan K. Streeter, PLLC in Richmond, Virginia.

Sunwoo Lee ('98) joined Fox Rothschild as a partner in the Washington, D.C., office, where he handles patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secrets litigation matters for a variety of businesses.

Anne Sterba ('98) has joined Fish & Richardson as Of Counsel in its Trademark and Copyright Group, where she advises clients on trademark prosecution and counseling, false advertising, unfair competition, copyright, licensing, and litigation matters. She is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office.

Stacey Greenblatt ('97) has joined Fish & Richardson of counsel in its Intellectual Property Department. She is a partner with Pepper Hamilton and co-chair of the firm’s Intellectual Property Department.

The Honorable Lynne H. Browne ('97) was appointed an administrative law judge at the USPTO in May. (See related story page 6.)

Kristen L. Vignec ('97) recently hosted a webinar with Alltrust Insurance. She is a shareholder with Tampa law firm Hill Ward Henderson and serves in the Corporate & Tax and Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits Groups.

Daniel Ruttenberg ('97) was selected for inclusion in Northern Virginia Magazine’s list of Top Lawyers of 2011.

Thomas M. Cryan Jr. ('97) has joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney’s Employee Benefits and Tax Practice as a shareholder.

Leslie Norwalk ('96) joined the board of directors of Press Ganey in April.

Jennifer Hodge ('95), senior attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division’s Office of Enforcement Operations, received the Award for Distinguished Service for her exceptional efforts in modernizing and improving the operations of the Electronic Surveillance Unit, which reviews requests from U.S. attorneys’ offices for approval to seek court orders to conduct wiretaps in major federal investigations.

Kelley Curtis Clarke ('95) joined Hometown Title & Escrow, LLC as partner and branch manager of their new Alexandria, Virginia, office.

David Oblon ('95) was named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the Washington, D.C., area’s “Best Lawyers” in their December 2011 edition.

Caryn Markowitz Groedel ('95) has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 Ohio Super Lawyers in the area of employment law for the sixth year in a row.

William D. Belanger ('94) was recognized in the inaugural edition of IAM Patent 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Practitioners. He is a partner with Pepper Hamilton and co-chair of the firm’s Intellectual Property Department.

Chip Nottingham ('94) is a partner at Williams Mullen, where he practices in the area of federal government relations.

William Strahan ('94) is Executive Vice President of Human Resources for Comcast Cable. Strahan has responsibility for all aspects of Human Resources, including talent, compensation, benefits, Comcast University, and employee and labor relations.

Andy Levin ('94) is a partner in Traveling Light Partners, LLC, a film/tv production company, and also a principal in Norton Media Investments, LLC which does business development consulting in Studio City, California.

Ritcheyna Dodd ('93) joined Infinite Public Relations as vice president in the New York office where she serves as a senior account manager, assisting Infinite PR in its ongoing expansion into the areas of social media and marketing.

Tom Hanson ('93) has become a corporate lobbyist for the law firm Winthrop and Weinstein in Minnesota.

Nick Milano ('93) has joined the firm Perkins Coie in Washington, D.C., as Of Counsel in the Investment Management practice.

Kathleen Casey ('93), a commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, has joined the financial
services consulting firm Patomak Global Partners LLC as a senior adviser. Recently she was appointed to the board of directors of FX Alliance Inc., an independent provider of electronic foreign exchange trading solutions.

Peter G. Decker III ('93) partner at Decker, Cardon, Thomas, Weintraub & Neskis, P.C., was re-appointed for another four-year term on the State Board of Corrections by Governor Bob McDonnell and elected to the position of chairman.

O’Kelly McWilliams ('93) has joined the new Washington, D.C., office of Gordon & Rees as managing partner.

K. Brett Marston ('93), partner with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, Roanoke, Virginia, has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer for 2012 in Construction Litigation. In addition, he was designated a Virginia Legal Elite lawyer in the area of construction law by Virginia Business magazine.

Rodney Turner ('93), the newly elected president of the George Mason University Alumni Association Board of Directors, took office on July 1.

Darcy Shoop ('92) was named in the December 2011 edition of Washingtonian Magazine as one of the Top Lawyers for divorce in the D.C. area. In addition, she was named by Maryland Super Lawyers as one of the Top 25 Women in Maryland and one of the Top 50 Women in D.C. for 2012, and by the Washington Post Magazine as one of the Top Lawyers in D.C. for 2012.

Michael L. Goodove ('92), a partner in the Norfolk law firm of Swartz, Taliaferro, Swartz & Goodove, P.C., was recognized as a Virginia Super Lawyer in 2012 in the area of personal injury law by the Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine.

Susan Walton ('92) was honored as one of the nation’s Top Ten Animal Defenders by the Animal Legal Defense Fund for National Justice for Animals Week. Susan is a Suffolk, Virginia, prosecutor.

Bobby Blount ('92) a member of the Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees since 1999, received the 2011 Celebration of Leadership Outstanding Alumni Award from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) during its annual conference. He works for The MITRE Corporation in San Antonio, Texas, where he manages engineering projects focused on finding solutions to Department of Defense cyber and security challenges.

Maureen Ohlhausen ('91) was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

Lorraine Cichowski ('91) is the author of an e-book entitled Transforming IT Departments available through Amazon.com. Lorraine is currently Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the Associated Press.

Scott Seery ('89) won a spot on the Virginia Beach, Virginia, School Board, filling a term in an open at-large seat. He is a partner at Faggert & Frieden, a firm focusing on business law and real estate finance.

Roy Dunshee ('89) is head men’s soccer coach at Washington College. He is principal owner and Director of Coaching for Coerver Coaching, a company providing team training, camps, clinics, and coaches’ education.

Arthur J. DeCelle ('87), counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP, focuses his practice on alcoholic beverage regulation at all levels of government and on legal and public policy challenges facing heavily regulated industries.

Hugh Ward ('87) retired from federal service in 2009 and is with the firm Bernstein, Stair & McAdams LLP in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Thomas J. Hibarger ('86) has been named managing director at the Stroz Friedberg’s Washington, D.C., office. As a former high-ranking federal prosecutor with experience in computer crime and corporate crime, he specializes in cybercrime detection and prevention, protection of intellectual property rights, and investigations into white collar crimes.

Mark Barondess ('85) has joined the Kalbhan Hagerty LLP Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the firm’s litigation group, advising clients in complex civil and commercial litigation as well as arbitration and mediation and issues related to the practice of family law.

Eugene C. Miller ('84) recently celebrated his tenth AV Preeminent Rating from LexisNexis Matindale-Hubbell for demonstrating the highest ethical standards and professional ability.

Holly Kozlowski ('84) was recognized in Chambers USA in the area of Intellectual Property as one of the “Leaders in Their Field” in Ohio.

Johnny Kumar ('83) became an administrative patent judge at the PTO in March 2012. (See related story page 6.)

Lot Howell Cooke ('83) retired from federal government service in spring 2012.

Craig Young ('82) is a partner in Kutak Rock LLP, where he focuses his practice on creditors’ rights in bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation, commercial transactions, and commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. He is based in the Washington, D.C., office.

Maury Markowitz ('81) was named president and executive director of the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association.

The Honorable Daniel S. Fiore II ('81) was formally invested as a judge of Virginia’s 17th Judicial Circuit. (See related story page 6.)

W. William Gust ('81), partner with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, Roanoke, Virginia, has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer for 2012 in Tax Law.

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Richard McMahon ('80) was appointed as a judge of Virginia’s 17th Judicial Circuit. (See related story page 6.)

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Regarding support of the Vis Moot or the Alternative Dispute Resolution Society, please contact Matt Brown, Extramural Competition Chair, at mbrown17@gmu.edu. Students are especially grateful for volunteers to moot them later in the year, particularly alumni with experience in commercial arbitration, complex contracts litigation, or international arbitration experience.

Alumni interested in judging competitions or coaching student competitors should contact the Trial Advocacy Association president, Mark Scirocco, at mark.scirocco2@gmail.com. All alumni and their colleagues are invited to judge competitions and are especially in demand for the fall Intramural Trial Competition and the John L. Costello Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition in the spring.

Moot Court Board would appreciate help from alumni and local practitioners for their competitions. The Board sponsors two intramural appellate competitions annually, the First-Year Competition and the Upper Class Competition. Please request information from mootct@gmu.edu.

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Robert Ragland ('80) is Of Counsel in the Washington, D.C., offices of Zampogna, PC.

Marc Mayo ('80) was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine. He is an attorney with Rogers Towers, P.A., Northeast Florida’s largest law firm, where he practices in the areas of Employment and Labor Law.

Gene Stilp ('80) is running as a Democratic candidate for the Pennsylvania 11th Congressional District seat in the fall general election.

Law partners Jason Smolen ('77) and Alan Plevy ('77) were among those named to Northern Virginia Magazine’s list of Top Lawyers of 2011.

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.

Adrianna Marks ('05)
William J. Blanton Jr. ('96)
Thomas Lane ('87)
Lynn V. Vandenburgh ('87)