Law & Economics Center Expands

George Mason’s reputation as a leader in the field of law and economics continues to grow, and never more so than this past summer. In August Henry Butler, former Mason Law professor and associate dean, returned as a Foundation Professor of Law and Executive Director of the law school’s Law & Economics Center (LEC). Professor Butler has a long record of educating judges through the judicial education program at The Brookings Institution from 2002 to 2008 and at Northwestern Law School for the past two years. His judicial education program now will be merged with Mason’s own LEC, the country’s oldest program of judicial education.

Going forward, the LEC will continue its widely praised judicial conferences, which have been directed for the past 11 years by Foundation Professor of Law Frank Buckley. Professor Buckley has returned to teaching Contracts I and II and other courses. New offerings of the LEC include:

• **Attorneys General Education Program**—educating state attorneys general and senior staff on economics and public policy issues;

• **The Searle Civil Justice Institute**—devising and sponsoring major collaborative, interdisciplinary empirical public policy research on important civil justice issues confronting the market; and

• **The Henry G. Manne Program on Law & Economics Studies**—promoting law-and-economics scholarship through faculty research, roundtables, and academic conferences.

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Virginia Attorney General Cuccinelli Returns to Mason

In keeping with the tradition of inviting the newly elected Virginia attorney general to meet and speak with students, the law school welcomed Ken Cuccinelli ('95) in the spring. Cuccinelli’s election to the office of attorney general represents the highest elected office obtained by a Mason Law graduate.

Though hobbled by a sprained foot, the attorney general was not slowed on his visit back to his home turf. In addition to making a surprise visit to a Federal Courts class, Cuccinelli was greeted by a large crowd in Room 121. True to the form he has shown in seeking political office, Cuccinelli took all questions from the assembled guests, mixing humor, frankness, and a keen awareness of the issues, controversies, and law. His speech started with a discussion of his time at George Mason. He recalled the difficulty and challenge of thinking like an engineer but trying to learn to think like a lawyer. He went on to tell the gathered crowd about the varied duties of the AG, his initiatives going forward, and the practicalities of running an office of over 250 people.

Cuccinelli has frequently been featured in the news this year for a variety of his initiatives as AG, including the Commonwealth’s lawsuit against the health care bill (filed the very day Cuccinelli visited George Mason), opposition to EPA regulations, and a letter opinion issued early in the year to a university setting out the limits of a university to provide policy protections to gay and lesbian individuals. That letter generated headlines and some protests. At Mason, Catherine Oakley (3L), with the assistance of Mason students and alumni, arranged and led a peaceful protest outside the law school on the day of the attorney general’s visit. The protest included Northern Virginia politicians, students from Fairfax and Arlington, and media. Inside, the AG did not shy away from questions about the controversy and reiterated his reasoning for the guests.

Since his visit, the AG has followed through on a number of initiatives he discussed with guests that day. If his first months in office are any indication, it seems certain Attorney General Cuccinelli will continue to make headlines as he tackles issues on behalf of the Commonwealth. For more information about Cuccinelli and the work of the attorney general’s office, visit www.oag.state.va.us/.

Mason Power

George Mason law alumni are not only serving throughout the Commonwealth, but they are finding appointments at the highest levels to serve Virginia.

Sean Connaughton ('92) was appointed Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia by Governor Bob McDonnell in January 2010. Prior to the appointment by Governor McDonnell, he served as Maritime Administrator, the head of the U.S. Maritime Administration, an agency of the United States Department of Transportation, from 2006 until early 2009. Connaughton also served as Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, Virginia, from January 1, 2000, until his appointment as Maritime Administrator. He is also a former United States Coast Guard officer and a retired officer of the United States Naval Reserve.

Wesley G. Russell Jr. ('95) was appointed by Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli ('95) to head the civil litigation unit of the AG’s office, with a focus on constitutional challenges. Russell was a partner at the Richmond firm of McSweeney, Crump, Childress & Temple, P.C. Russell’s practice has focused on professional liability defense and constitutional law. Given his work for both private clients and as outside counsel for the Office of the Attorney General, Russell has extensive trial and appellate experience regarding constitutional challenges to statutes as well as claims involving sovereign immunity, the Virginia Tort Claims Act, and separation of powers issues.

Matthew Conrad ('05) was appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry by Governor Bob McDonnell in October 2010. He began his career in government service at the Virginia Office of the Attorney General. Beginning in 2005, Conrad served as an Assistant Attorney General and was promoted to lead attorney for legislation and agency advice within his section in 2007. He also was appointed a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Conrad joined the Richmond-based Alliance Group in 2008 where he was director of the Virginia Wine Council, an agricultural membership organization organized to represent the interests of grape growers and Virginia’s farm wineries on the state and local levels.

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Making a Difference
Celebration of Distinction Honors Alden, Pilaud

Judge Leslie M. Alden

The Honorable Leslie M. Alden earned her JD in 1983 from George Mason University School of Law and earned her BS in Business Administration in 1978 from George Mason University. Alden was honored at the Celebration of Distinction as the School of Law’s 2010 Distinguished Alumna. She has been a trial judge for the Fairfax County Circuit Court since 1996.

Alden’s service to the legal community extends far beyond Northern Virginia, as she recently completed a two-year term as president of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). In that role, she delivered a judicial perspective on the importance of the rule of law and the observance of human rights principles in courts by speaking to legal groups in Nigeria, Cuba, Chile, South Africa, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Jordan, Hungary, Brazil, India and South Korea. Previously she served as chair of the IAWJ Board of Managerial Trustees for six years and is still a member of that board.


Robert Pilaud

Robert Pilaud graduated from Mason Law in 2001 and was the recipient of the Lambda Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a registered patent agent at Robinson Intellectual Property Law in Potomac Falls, Virginia, where he specializes in patent application preparation and prosecution on behalf of corporate clients before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), primarily in the electrical engineering industry. Pilaud is a former U.S. patent examiner at the USPTO and engineer for an international construction company.

As a student Pilaud completed the Intellectual Property Track and was active with the Intellectual Property Law Society and the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Law Association (GALLA), serving as president of both organizations. He currently serves as secretary of the Lambda Alumni Chapter of the George Mason University Alumni Association, whose purpose is to provide a social and professional network for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and ally (LGBTQA) alumni from George Mason University. The group works with and supports the LGBTQ student population and all of the LGBTQ student organizations at the university, including GALLA. Pilaud also assists with Lambda’s goal of helping undergraduate and graduate students transition from the academic world to the workplace.

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Further contributing to the resources of the national and international legal communities, Alden serves as a corresponding editor for *International Legal Materials*, a publication of The American Society of International Law; as well as a member of the editorial review board for the *Advanced Management Journal*, a publication of the Society for the Advancement of Management.

Alden recently was named to a list of Influential Women of Virginia by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, which honored her by saying, “Judge Alden is a woman who finds ‘an endless array of ways to give back’ in both her personal and professional life.”

For 21 years, Alden consistently has supported the law school with her time, talent, and financial contributions. In the past decade alone, she has participated in trial and career programs for students and alumni, including judging Moot Court Board competitions and participating on a panel of women judges to discuss judicial careers. She also interviews students on campus for clerkships and has hired Mason students in her own chambers. Alden also has served as an adjunct professor at Mason Law.

Orrico Honored for Twenty-Five Years of Service

At a May 3 ceremony in Philadelphia, Troy M. Tippett, MD (above left), president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), presented Katie Orrico (’91) (above right) with the AANS Distinguished Service Award honoring Orrico for her 25 years of advocacy efforts on behalf of organized neurosurgery. Orrico is the director of the Washington office of the AANS and Congress of Neurological Surgeons and has represented organized neurosurgery before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies since 1985.

Reichhardt Receives Pro Bono Award for Child Advocacy

William B. Reichhardt (’83), a Fairfax County lawyer whose practice and volunteer work focus on special education law, is the 2010 recipient of the Virginia State Bar’s Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award.

The award is bestowed by the VSB’s Committee on Access to Legal Services to recognize dedication to development and delivery of *pro bono* services that benefit poor and underserved persons in Virginia. The award is named for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Powell, who was from Richmond and throughout his career encouraged *pro bono* service by attorneys.

Reichhardt is the principal of the Law Offices of William B. Reichhardt & Associates, where he encourages his colleagues to take *pro bono* representations.

The award was presented June 18 during the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.
Women’s Law Association Networking Breakfast

The law school was privileged to have Lorraine Cichowski (‘91) as the honored guest at the Women’s Law Association Networking Breakfast this year.

Cichowski is senior vice president and chief information officer for The Associated Press (AP) in New York, which supplies multimedia news to newspapers, radio, and television stations and websites around the world. She oversees a department of 500 software developers; network, infrastructure and broadcast engineers; information architects; business analysts; project managers; product designers; taxonomy specialists; researchers; and a global support staff for AP’s 243 bureaus in 97 countries. Among the key projects her teams work on are a new editorial system, a new digital video distribution system, a web-based registry to tag and track online content, and an initiative to transition AP customers from satellite to Internet content delivery.

Cichowski shared the story of her alternative career, which she began as a journalist for AP in Florida and New York. She joined USA TODAY at the launch of the national newspaper in 1982 and spent 18 years there as a reporter and editor, then as founder and publisher of usatoday.com. Encouraged by a mentor, she attended Mason Law while at USA TODAY “for the intellectual stimulation, which may not be the most common reason for someone to go to law school.”

Cichowski spoke of the need to take risks when making career choices and noted that often the path taken is a combination of planned and accidental outcomes. As she was about to graduate and start a career as a litigator at Dow Lohnes Albertson in Washington, D.C., she was faced with an unexpected choice. A mentor who had just become the president of USA TODAY offered her an opportunity to take on new responsibilities at the publication, which was at that time breaking new ground in journalism. Another risk she took was moving to Richmond to become a part of an Internet start-up company. While that company did not succeed, Cichowski believes her involvement in it was a positive experience that lead her to return to AP in 2004 as a product development consultant.

Cichowski was asked to take over AP’s Technology Department in 2006 on a temporary basis. After about four weeks, however, it was clear to her boss that she was the right person for the job, and she became senior vice president of technology, a position in which she addresses the increasingly more symbiotic roles of journalism, business, and technology.

In closing her remarks, Cichowski said, “While I followed an alternative career after law school, I value the education I received at Mason Law. It has served me well and taught me to look at things from a different perspective.”

In addition to her law degree, Cichowski earned a master’s degree in communications/public affairs journalism from American University and a bachelor’s degree in English from Seton Hall University in New Jersey.
Law Review Hosts Annual Reception at Arent Fox

The George Mason Law Review hosted its annual alumni reception at Arent Fox LLP. Lisa Estrada ('99), a partner at Arent Fox and former member of the Law Review, was instrumental in securing the reception location. Attendance at the event surpassed that of the previous few years, and the Law Review editors and members enjoyed meeting the many alumni and other invited guests in attendance. Dean Daniel Polsby offered remarks on George Mason’s increasingly competitive profile and praised the Law Review for its hard work and many achievements over the past year.

In addition, Senior Notes Editor George Ingham ('10) explained the Law Review’s Write-On competition and introduced Arthur E. Schmalz ('93), who presented second-year member Anthony Peluso (3L) with the Arthur E. Schmalz Award for writing the best Write-On entry, which was selected from over 100 entries.

Editor-in-Chief Alyssa DaCunha ('10) concluded the remarks by detailing the Law Review’s successes over the past year, including producing four successful issues, spearheading the alumni newsletter, and receiving numerous accolades from authors for the quality of the Law Review’s publication process. DaCunha also expressed the Law Review’s immense gratitude to all the Law Review alumni who mentored the second-year members in writing their Notes and Comments, and she encouraged alumni to continue helping in the future.

Moot Court Board Alumni Continue Involvement

Alumni of the Moot Court Board joined current members at a reception held in the Atrium in the spring. Several alumni enjoyed finding pictures of themselves in copies of The Register, the former annual yearbook of the law school. Alumni took advantage of the chance to learn about the ongoing efforts of the current Board and share their experiences as past members of the Board.

Chief Justice Erin Watkins ('10) greeted alumni and thanked them for their continued support of the Moot Court Board. Dean Daniel Polsby added his thanks for all of the Moot Court Board’s efforts. He noted that this group provides students the immediate feedback and experience of what it means to practice law. Dean Polsby added that the contributions from alumni who help coach students and judge competitions make the students’ experiences all the more valuable.

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Third Annual Pro Bono Reception and Awards Ceremony

The George Mason Virginia Bar Association Pro Bono Society held its end-of-year reception in April and featured several distinguished speakers, including Dean Daniel Polsby, Senior Lecturer in Law and retired Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Robert W. Wooldridge Jr., and keynote speaker The Honorable Johanna L. Fitzpatrick (Court of Appeals of Virginia, retired). The Society celebrated over 700 hours of students’ volunteer work and training in the 2009–10 school year. Christina Black, who will graduate in December 2010, was the Society’s 2009–10 president. She thanked the students for their participation and dedication to the group’s efforts over the course of the year.

Mason Law students continue to get more involved in public interest opportunities. The number of student volunteers consistently exceeds the Society’s field opportunities, despite the Society’s expansion from one program to four active volunteer initiatives this year.

This past year the Society celebrated the continuing expansion of its original Legal Aid Intake Initiative in partnership with Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV). In this program, students volunteer hours of service for LSNV without leaving campus. The organization also saw the implementation of three new volunteer programs.

One of these programs is a partnership with the National Youth Justice Alliance (NYJA) in which students teach youth confined to juvenile detention about their constitutional rights and responsibilities in an effort to enhance their civic engagement and reduce juvenile recidivism.

A second program, Landlord-Tenant Mediation, is the result of a partnership with the Arlington Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. In two-hour weekly shifts, volunteers handle client intake, participate in mediation sessions between parties, and assist in outreach to Arlington residents.

The 3L Advocates for Victims of Domestic Violence program is open to students holding a Third-Year Practice Certificate. Student participants provide important volunteer work and sharpen their trial advocacy skills in the courtroom. The program is modeled after LSNV’s “Domestic Violence Attorney of the Day” project.

Judge Fitzpatrick’s heartfelt speech encouraged the audience to provide pro bono service throughout their careers and congratulated the students for beginning their commitment so early.

The event also honored Mark G. Jenkins, Esq., a real estate lawyer in Vienna, Virginia. Jenkins was recognized for his founding and ongoing commitment to the School of Law’s Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers.
May 19 marked the date of the 13th Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception, and once again the law school atrium was filled to capacity with alumni, judges, legislators and other guests who gathered to enjoy the company of peers and a sampling of fine foods, including fresh oysters from the New Point Oyster Company, courtesy of Mason alumnus Jack White ('86), and a wonderful selection of Virginia wines.

With the theme The French Connection, the JLR played host to three different wineries: Barboursville Vineyards, Fabbioli Cellars, and Naramada Winery.

Due to the lack of modern viticultural technology, the many attempts to grow Vinifera wine grapes from colonial days until the 1950s failed, including the plantings of Jefferson, Washington, George Mason, and other Founding Fathers; but with modern technologies, the planting of French Hybrid grapes has spread quickly across the eastern United States and Canada.

Guests enjoyed the opportunity to taste some French Hybrids, such as Seyval Blanc and Chambourcin, as well as grape varietals that are a cross between French Hybrid and Vitis Vinifera grapes. Several world-class Vinifera grape wines served included Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Sauvignon Blanc, all reminiscent of their Bordeaux origins.

The JLR has become a favorite of many of its attendees, who welcome the opportunity to mingle with judges, legislators and legal practitioners at this well-attended annual event.

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LEFT: Amanda Hine (‘06), second from right, joins 2004 classmates Chris DeMers and wife and LRWA Director Suzette R. Hurley, Allyson Kitchel, and James Markels for a mini-reunion of sorts, one of the many benefits of JLR attendance.
The Voice of Experience

Alumni and Students Raise Money for the Richard S. Murphy Scholarship

Alumni Go The Distance in Supporting Mentoring and Shadowing Program

Each spring term Career, Academic & Alumni Services provides the opportunity for first-year students and alumni to formally meet through the Mentoring and Shadowing Program. The program matches a 1L with an alumnus based on the students’ particular career goals and interests.

In January 120 students signed up to participate, one of the largest responses to the program in recent history. Rising to the occasion, 115 alumni volunteered to take on one or two student mentees during the semester. Students and alumni met for breakfast at the law school in January, and many often met throughout the semester.

With one semester under their belts, the first-year law students benefit from the guidance and advice offered by the alumni with regard to course selection, summer jobs, and practice areas.

Many thanks to all the alumni who supported the students.

If you are interested in working with a first-year student in January 2011, send a note to lawalum@gmu.edu.

The Law Alumni Association and the Student Bar Association once again joined efforts to sponsor the Richard S. Murphy Pool tournament. The event is in its 11th year, and, despite a steady snowfall, again drew alumni back to show support for the scholarship established in memory of Professor Richard Murphy, who died in 1997 in a boating accident. This event celebrates his life and memory each year.

Carpool generously donated the use of the pool tables for the afternoon, and the SBA provided food and drinks for all who played or came out to cheer on the players. After fifteen teams played best-of-three rounds, the student team of Jose Caballe (3L) and Michael Yadanza (3L) bested the field.

Phil Garin (’10) and Patrick Woolley (’10) (first and second from left) were two of the Mason Law students who enjoyed a good time for a good cause.
The Law Alumni Association hosted its annual golf tournament on October 25, 2010. Alumni and friends gathered at Westfields Golf Club for a great fall afternoon in support of the Alumni Association’s student scholarship fund. Thanks to our generous sponsors and golfers, the Association’s scholarship fund was greatly increased. Out of 18 teams, Todd Heflin (’00), left, and his team took the first place trophy for the second year in a row. In a close second was the team led by David Ginsberg (’96). Below Larry Bowen, Valerie Hughes, (’04), Oreste Jowyk (’04), and Claire Shamblin (’04) enjoy their time together on the greens.
Students Move Swiftly to Support Haiti Relief Efforts

Deema Hassan (’10), Phil Garin (’10), and Armin Graf (’10) lend their support to the effort to aid those in crisis in Haiti.

Seeing the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, George Mason Law students took immediate action to raise money in support of relief efforts. Student organizers Deema Hassan (’10), Phil Garin (’10), Armin Graf (’10), Harry Max (3L), Ruba El-Hage (’10), Sara Dajani (’10), Imane El Andaloussi (2L), and Hasan Aijaz (’10) sold raffle tickets and took donations the week of January 18-22. Contributing assistance, raffle items, and dinner for the cause were the Student Bar Association; University Life; Career, Academic and Alumni Services; Barbri; Professor Davies and the Green Bag; Rocklands Barbecue; and Sangam Indian Restaurant.

On Friday, January 22, approximately 50 guests, including students, faculty, and alumni, gathered at the law school for a meal and lecture by guest speaker Tim Broas, regional director for Partners in Health (PIH). PIH is a non-governmental organization on the ground in Haiti providing medical relief services to victims of the earthquake. Broas shared photos and a report from the front line based on his daily updates from and conference calls with the medical relief teams working in Haiti. He identified the kinds of risks and challenges doctors faced each day attempting to provide medical treatment in Haiti. One such problem Broas cited was the resultant danger from damaged structures in urban areas that forced medical teams to resort to using hospital tents without hard floors, at risk of being washed away at any time by a hard rain.

A total of $2,139 was donated to PIH as a result of the students’ efforts and the support of the entire Arlington campus community. Broas was grateful for the donation and assured the group that the funds would be put to good use.

Gratitude for the efforts of relief workers was a sentiment the campus organizers observed throughout the week. Garin noted that “students and faculty who had already given to the Red Cross or had already participated in other fundraisers for Haiti were glad to see a response from the campus, and in many cases were glad that the raffle gave them an excuse to make another donation. Everyone who gave wanted to give more, which was the same feeling we had when we handed the funds over to PIH.”

Law students mobilized quickly to put together a special event designed to raise much-needed funds for support of those left suffering after a devastating earthquake in Haiti.

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• Joshua Newborn (’10), won a 2010 Distinguished Writing Award from the Burton Foundation just prior to his May graduation. Newborn’s receipt of the 2010 award marked the fourth consecutive year that a Burton Award has been won by a Mason Law student.

Newborn served as senior research editor of the George Mason Law Review and was an active member of the Moot Court Board. Along with his teammates, Newborn won the Region IV Qualifying Rounds of the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the City Bar of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers earlier in the academic year. At the National Moot Court Competition itself in New York City, Newborn and teammates were National Octofinalists and had the 4th best brief.

• Alyssa DaCunha (’10), editor-in-chief of the George Mason Law Review for the 2009-10 academic year, had her student casenote cited in a brief submitted to the Supreme Court in City of Ontario v. Quon. Quon arose from the City of Ontario’s review of text messages sent by a member of a police SWAT team on a government-issued pager and asked whether there is a constitutionally-based right of privacy in text messages for employees of a government agency.

The Petitioner’s brief in Quon looked to DaCunha’s casenote, Texts R Safe 42 Day: Quon v. Arch Wireless and the Fourth Amendment Applied to Text Messages, 17 Geo. Mason L. Rev. 295 (2009), to draw attention to the complex nature and difficult application of the Stored Communication Act as applied to text messages.

• Justin Main (’10) and Abraham Young (’10) secured the award for Best Brief out of 30 competing teams in the Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition held in Washington, D.C., on March 25 and 26. The competition is sponsored annually by the Younger Lawyers’ Division of the Federal Bar Association. The two advanced to the quarter-finals in the competition, with Main also placing second out of 60 participants in the category of Best Oralist.

• Alicia Oman (4L) and Jared Bomberg (3L) attended the 29th Bryce Harlow Foundation Awards Dinner held at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C., where they were recognized as recipients of Bryce Harlow Fellowships for the current academic year. As awardees, Oman and Bomberg received $6,000 tuition awards, as well as the opportunity to work with mentors and participate in ongoing support activities.

The Bryce Harlow Foundation is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization whose mission is to promote an understanding of the role professional advocacy plays in the development of sound public policy.

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The secure online Law Alumni Directory provides profiles of all alumni and space to upload resumes and list professional and personal web addresses. Alumni can search the directory to locate classmates, find referrals, and network for job searches based on practice areas, employers, or geographic areas. The online directory is a convenient resource for locating classmates and keeping connected to your alumni network. You can request access by visiting the Alumni Services homepage and opening the link to the “Law School Alumni Directory.” If you are already registered, don’t forget to go online to update your personal and work contact information. Once registered you can choose various privacy settings to hide or display any or all of your contact information.

To join the growing George Mason University School of Law LinkedIn community, go to the LinkedIn website and search for this group. Please send a message requesting to join, and once your status as a George Mason Law alumnus is confirmed, you will be added to the growing group. This will allow you direct contact with fellow alumni in our LinkedIn group and provides another venue to post discussions or network regarding job opportunities as posted by alumni and get news about the law school and events. You can also connect through the School of Law’s official Facebook page, or one created by alumni called the George Mason University School of Law Alumni Group. A link to these pages is located at the law school’s homepage.

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Highlights from Our Faculty News

Professor James Byrne had a busy year in which he traveled extensively. In January he made five presentations in the Far East on comparison of the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) and the International Standby Practices (ISP). In May he chaired the Institute of International Banking Law and Practice’s Annual Surveys of Letter of Credit Law and Practice in Vilnius, Lithuania, and in Dubai. He also chaired Guarantee & Standby Fora in London and Dubai. In May and June Byrne presented one-day programs on new rules for independent guarantees in London, Dubai, Vienna, Moscow, Montreal, and New York.

Foundation Professor and former FTC Chairman Timothy Muris was the 2010 recipient of the Miles W. Kirkpatrick Award for Lifetime FTC Achievement in recognition of his significant contributions to the FTC over the course of his career. Earlier in the year, Muris made a March appearance at a Capitol Hill hearing of the Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation to address “The Role of the Federal Trade Commission in Protecting Consumers (Part II).”

In June Professor Adam Mossolf spoke at a joint Department of Justice/Federal Trade Commission/U.S. Patent and Trademark Office seminar on his research into patent thickets and patent pools. In April he was a program participant in the Institute for Policy Innovation’s Fifth Annual World Intellectual Property Day Forum in Washington, D.C.

Professor J.W. Verret made four appearances on Capitol Hill in a five-month period, beginning with a year-end visit to Capitol Hill in December 2009, appearing before the Committee on House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Domestic Policy to discuss issues of taxpayer rights and government shareholding. In March he testified at a hearing of the House Financial Services Committee’s Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises to examine corporate governance issues and the need for legislative reforms. In April and May, Verret visited Capitol Hill twice within days to provide testimony before two Senate subcommittees, first at a hearing of the Senate Banking Committee’s Subcommittee on Economic Policy to discuss the role of private equity firms and U.S. manufacturing capacity, and later to address the Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Crime & Drugs.

October Verret took part in the George A. Leet Symposium 2010–11 on “The Changing World of Securities Regulation” held at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, appearing as a panelist in a discussion on the topic of Defenses to Shareholder Proxy Access. In January both Verret and Professor Nathan Sales were presenters at the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting in New Orleans.

Professor Joshua Wright was session chair and moderator for the Antitrust and Consumer Protection Fundamentals presentation at the American Bar Association’s 58th Antitrust Spring Meeting, held in April in Washington, D.C. Later in the year, he presented his paper entitled, “State Regulation of Alcohol Distribution: The Effects of Post & Hold Laws on Output and Social Harms” at a Department of Justice Antitrust Division Economic Analysis Group Seminar.

Professor Todd Zywicki appeared at a February joint hearing of the House Committee on Financial Services and the House Committee on Small Business to provide testimony on “The Condition of Small Business and Real Estate Lending in Local Markets.” In March he participated in a Heritage Foundation discussion entitled, “Protecting Consumers in the Financial Marketplace: Thinking Outside the Boxes.” Later that month, Zywicki participated in a Cato Institute policy forum entitled, “Did a Lack of Consumer Protection Cause the Financial Crisis?” In July he took part in a discussion sponsored by the National Chamber Foundation and the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy in which scholars examined current U.S. regulatory policy and the impact of new and more aggressive regulations during a time of economic uncertainty. In October he appeared as a guest on NBC Nightly News to discuss the stability of retirement funds for public employees.

Professor Jeremy Rabkin was a participant in a University of Richmond School of Law symposium entitled, “A Collision of Authority: The U.S. Constitution and Universal Jurisdiction.” In June Rabkin participated in a discussion
sponsored by the Heritage Foundation entitled, “Outsourcing Law?” In October Rabkin, along with Professor Neomi Rao, appeared on a panel at the International Law Weekend conference of the American Branch of the International Law Association.

Professor Thomas Hazlett was a witness before the House Committee on the Judiciary at a February full committee hearing on “Competition in the Media and Entertainment Distribution Market.” The hearing’s focus was the proposed joint venture agreement that would give Comcast Corp. control of programming and content assets now operated by Comcast and General Electric Co.’s NBC Universal unit.

In January Professor Helen Alvaré was named a Senior Fellow of the Witherspoon Institute, a Princeton, New Jersey, think tank. Alvaré is the Senior Fellow chairing the organization’s Task Force on Religious Liberty.

In April Professor Christopher Newman was a guest speaker at the Whittier Law School as part of its Center for Intellectual Property Law Spring Colloquium Series. Newman spoke on the topic “Infringement as Nuisance.”

Professor Laura Bradford took part in a panel discussion at the Colorado Bar’s National CLE Conference in Vail, Colorado, in January. She also was a presenter at a July US-EU Media Conference entitled, “Evolving Business Models in the Newspaper Industry” in New York.

Professor Neomi Rao was a guest on PBS NewsHour in a July segment dealing with an analysis of the Supreme Court term just ending in which Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor completed her first term and Associate Justice John Paul Stevens completed his last. Earlier in the year, she moderated a January discussion at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., in which panelists considered progress made in the War on Terror and discussed such topics as detention, surveillance, interrogation, and trials.

Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm spoke at a May public program at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on “Re-Thinking the Second Amendment.” At the heart of the program was a discussion of the controversial Chicago gun rights case McDonald v. Chicago.

The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) awarded a 2010 Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant to Professor Ross Davies, who will research former Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred Vinson and his close relationship with baseball and, more generally, the Supreme Court’s relationship to the game from the time of the Court’s 1922 decision in the Federal Baseball case to Vinson’s death in 1953.

Senior Lecturer in Law Robert Wooldridge took part in an April Eminent Domain Conference held by CLE International at the Tides Inn in Irvington, Virginia. Wooldridge served as both moderator and panelist in a presentation entitled, “Mediation Wins Cases: How and Why to Make it Happen.” In February he spoke on mediation of family law cases at an annual meeting of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IALM) in San Juan, Puerto Rico. October found Wooldridge addressing the defining of just compensation in eminent domain cases at the 7th Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference held at William & Mary Law School.

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If you are looking for a ringing endorsement of a career on the Hill, you will get one from Trevor Moe (’03). Ask Moe about his experience working on the Hill for the past year, and he’ll tell you “it’s the favorite job I’ve ever had.” And this comes from a guy who actually enjoyed private practice and once worked as a scuba instructor in the Caribbean.

In July 2009, Moe joined Senator Jim Webb’s (D-Va.) staff as chief counsel. He is responsible for some 19 different policy areas for the senator, including judicial appointments, second amendment issues, Guantanamo Bay/law-of-war detainees, homeland security, small business matters, crime, affirmative action, identify theft, and intellectual property. He also serves as the staff’s ethics officer. Given his diverse areas of responsibility, Moe reports, “In some sense, I still feel like I’m practicing law.” Moe credits his broad exposure to the legal issues at Mason as well as his varied legal practice for helping him to prepare for his varied work for the senator. Moe also regularly uses his law and economics training to analyze opposing party arguments and to craft his own analyses for the senator.

By all measures, Moe did not come to the Hill in typical fashion. After law school, Moe relocated to Danville, Virginia, to practice with Clement & Wheatley. There he focused on small business matters and some traditional small firm work, like criminal defense and real estate. From Danville he moved on to Woods Rogers PLC in Roanoke, where he focused on corporate work. To many, Moe had the perfect balance in both cities: interesting legal work, but enough free time to pursue interests outside of the office. When not practicing, Moe taught at Averett University and Danville Community College. He also became active in the Virginia State Bar, local Democratic politics, and community boards.

Moe’s legal accomplishments, combined with his community activism, caught the eye of the senator’s staff, which was actively looking for a talented Virginia lawyer to join the team. Moe was invited to interview. Through a video interview, he met Webb’s chief of staff and Mason law graduate, Paul Reagan (’91). Both Reagan and Moe had attended Herndon High School, William & Mary, and George Mason (though not at the same time), and not surprisingly, the interview went well.

Moe’s advice to those interested in policy work on the Hill is to be as civically involved as possible with community and bar organizations and assist with political races.

In contrast to Moe, Michael Lenn (’05) took a more traditional route into politics. But like Moe, Lenn loves his job—“every day is different.”

Lenn arrived on Capitol Hill straight out of college as a staff assistant for Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and hasn’t left yet. After only a year on the job and crossing paths with long-time Sensenbrenner staffer and Mason graduate Phil Kiko (’77), Lenn was promoted to a legislative assistant. In the next few years he not only completed his degree at George Mason but was promoted to legislative director. After passing the bar, Lenn served as oversight counsel for the Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee, of which Congressman Sensenbrenner was chair. Much of his work on the committee focused on controversial spending of the Legal Services Corporation. After the change in House leadership in 2006, Lenn moved back to the congressman’s personal staff as counselor and recently added deputy chief of staff to his title.

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Graduation 2010

Mason Law awarded JD degrees on Saturday, May 16, to 222 graduates. Featured speakers Virginia Supreme Court Justice William Mims and Professor Robert Wooldridge shared some practical advice with the graduates, along with some amusing anecdotes about jurors and horse-drawn hearses.

The Class of 2010 ventures out into one of the most challenging markets in memory. The majority plan to remain in the D.C. area legal market, but some graduates have relocated as far away as Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, New York, North Carolina, and Texas, as well as overseas in Austria and Thailand. Despite the economy, graduates secured positions with employers who never before have hired from Mason, including federal judges in several states. Moreover, a dozen graduates received offers from federal agencies, large and small firms, and judges in the traditionally slow summer hiring season. The market clearly recognizes what Mason alumni know well: Mason graduates are worth the investment in good economic times and bad.

Mark Your Calendar

January 5, 2011
Old Dominion Bar Association Winter Meeting
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

January 12, 2011
Student/Alumni Mentoring Program Breakfast
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

January 27, 2011
Law Review Alumni Reception
Latham & Watkins
Washington, D.C.

February, 2011 (Date TBA)
Law Review Symposium
Willard Intercontinental
Washington, D.C.

February 4–6, 2011
George Mason University Homecoming Weekend
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

February 22–23, 2011
Virginia Bar Examination and Alumni Lunches
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
Norfolk, Virginia

February 25–26, 2011
Virginia State Bar Association Minority Pre-Law Conference
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

March 26, 2011
Moot Court Board First-Year Student Competition
First Round
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

April 2, 2011
Moot Court Board First-Year Student Competition
Advancing Round
School of Law
Arlington, Virginia

May 25, 2011
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.
Portraits

While the old adage is that it is possible to do just about anything with a law degree, many Mason Law graduates have elected to test that theory by choosing to pursue careers in areas other than law. In this issue we profile several alumni who are following less traditional career paths after earning a juris doctor degree.

What Do You Want to be When You Grow Up?

Most people assume that graduation from law school leads to a career as a practicing lawyer. But that is not the case for many Mason Law alumni who have taken career paths that vary from the traditional practice of law.

There are some professions that tend to attract law graduates more than others. Among those areas are higher education, human resources, banking, business, government relations, lobbying, and health care, where the focus is often on transferable skills. One author defines these as “not the things you’ve done, but rather the skills you have on the basis of what you’ve done; that is the skills you bring to the table for a future employer.” Clearly the skills gained while a student at Mason Law can benefit those pursuing both traditional and non-traditional careers.

While being a judge advocate in the Army Reserves, Steve Kiel (’06) performs legal work, but full time he has followed his real interest of investing. Kiel is president and chief investment officer at Arquitos Capital Management. “I encourage Mason law students and grads to follow their passions. It’s never too late to do that. I know most of us feel financial pressure from things like student loans, and that often drives our career decisions. But I think that if you do what you love doing, you’ll be more creative and more driven, which often leads to financial opportunities. Plus, having a law degree in a field where most people don’t gives you a tremendous advantage.”

Kiel is the portfolio manager for The Freedom Fund, an investment fund run by Arquitos Capital and a unique investment product called a spoke fund, which is a cross between a mutual fund and a separately managed account. On a day-to-day basis he performs research on companies and industries in which Arquitos Capital considers investing and monitors the existing status of current investments. He also maintains constant client interactions, meeting with potential clients and communicating with current clients.

“My law degree from Mason gives me a distinct advantage over other portfolio managers. My direct competitors in the mutual fund community often look at specific companies and industries from a similar mindset because of their similar educational backgrounds. My training at Mason gives me the necessary analytical skills to look at potential investments from a different angle. In order to do well as an investor, you have to be able to set your emotions aside. Legal training helps you develop the skills to do that. It also doesn’t hurt that I was used to reading long court cases in law school. Reading a company’s 10-K is nothing compared to that, but portfolio managers who don’t have legal training often don’t take the time to read the SEC filings.”

Veronique (Chau) Kherian (’09) didn’t go out looking for work as a cheesemonger. “The job found me. I was looking for a legal job, but I came across this job posting, and thought it aligned well with my interests, even if it was a completely different line of work.”

She did the work of both a cheesemonger, who is the person you see behind the cheese counter when you buy some artisanal cheese, and a fromager, who makes cheese plates for people dining in a restaurant. “I learned a whole set of skills I never would have dreamed of wanting to learn before. The same cheese can have different characteristics because, unlike industrial cheeses, it’s all right to have slight variations in taste and texture in artisanal cheese. The difference between industrial and artisanal cheese is that in industrial cheese, the producers try to vary the

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Chris Adams (’01)
sources of their milk to create a more or less consistent output. In artisanal cheese making, producers must change the recipe of the cheese to accommodate differences in their milk supply, which can result from changes in seasons or food. I have always been fascinated with the notion of terroir, where the characteristics of the land determine the characteristics of the product. I remember debating its importance in European Union Law class, actually.” Kherian shares these skills and experiences through her blog Miss Cheesemonger.

As for her Mason law degree, Kherian always considers the degree useful, even if she is not using it daily. “I did consider it my mission to explain to customers the distinction between the A.O.C. Brie from France and the generic “brie” in the U.S., which is a point from my old trademark law class. I am still trying to figure out how I may turn this experience into a legal job. I would love to advocate for more sustainable farming, dairy, and animal husbandry practices, and just food policy in general. I think it is immensely important to care about where our food comes from, how it’s being treated, and the degree to which it is manipulated before it reaches our tables.”

Clair Smith (’03), took the academic route in higher education and is an assistant professor of economics at Saint John Fisher College, a liberal arts college in Rochester, New York, where he teaches economics in the School of Arts and Sciences. Smith is quick to note that one of the best things about his Mason Law experience was that it allowed him to meet his wife, Meredith Smith (’03), who also works in higher education as the director of state and local government relations at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Smith started out with an intention to follow an alternative career after law school. “It was my desire to teach economics that opened the door to law school at Mason through the Levy Fellowship in Law and Liberty. As a grad student in economics at Mason, I had taken a few classes at the law school, and I was intrigued. I learned about the Levy program and could not resist the opportunity to study law at George Mason. My path through law school was a rewarding and valuable experience. It represented a deviation from the plan I formed at the beginning of grad school—but a much improved course. My time at Mason opened the door to new experiences and equipped me to be a better teacher. I am especially excited to be moving to a small liberal arts school with smaller classes and greater personal interaction with students. My training in law informs my understanding and presentation in most classes.”

Stephanie Hemmert Briscoe (’05) joined the Federal Judicial Center in May 2006 as an education attorney for the Clerk’s Office Programs team. In April 2008, she was selected to be the assistant division director for the team that focuses on providing training for Clerks of Court, staff, and other Court Unit Executives, such as Circuit Executives and Circuit Librarians for the Appellate, District, and Bankruptcy courts.
Congress created the Federal Judicial Center in 1967, a period in U.S. judicial history marked by the use of quantitative research and continuing education to improve judicial administration and the management of caseloads. Representatives of the federal judiciary, including then-Chief Justice Earl Warren, recognized the importance of research, planning, and education for the long-term effectiveness of the courts and proposed that Congress create an organization within the judicial branch with responsibility for these tasks.

The FJC was created as a distinct judicial agency in order to separate the research and education functions from policymaking responsibilities and protect funding of those functions from the demands of everyday court business.

“I came to the FJC after practicing law for a short amount of time...if you blinked you missed it! I do not need to be barred or have a law degree for my position, though I know when I was first hired it gave me a competitive edge over some of the other applicants. Being an attorney helps on occasion with possibly gaining quicker credibility in projects involving judges and attorneys.”

Working with multiple constituent groups allows Hemmert Briscoe to manage teams developing a variety of programs for the Federal Judicial Television Network, an internal cable network for the judiciary. She also works on Leadership Development, National Strategic Planning Workshops, and partnerships with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts for the Operational Practices Forums.

Chris Adams ('01) uses his legal education and training every day as a senior consultant for AdamsGrayson Consulting. “A legal background is essential in my line of work, and the critical thinking skills I honed while at Mason Law are put to use every day on the job. Understanding litigation from a lawyer’s perspective gives me a large advantage when it comes to bridging communication gaps between lawyers and technical professionals.” Adams focuses on e-discovery consulting services, including pre-trial consulting, early case assessment, managed electronic data review, and in-trial consulting. Other aspects of the company’s services include advising corporations and law firms regarding best practices and procedures for data retention and litigation hold policies, and on federal rules compliance.

Adams finds that there are ample opportunities outside of the traditional law firm model for law school graduates in his field—and great opportunities even within law firms for graduates who come out of school with e-discovery knowledge. He notes that corporations and law firms will be dealing with these issues in the coming decade, and the landscape is changing rapidly—so those who avail themselves of courses and seminars in the field will have a leg up.

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In Need of a Change?

If you are interested in pursuing a different career path or just a change to your current position, Career, Academic and Alumni Services has resources available to all alumni. CAAS offers career counseling to alumni and continues to work one-on-one with any graduate looking for employment. Several job banks are available to alumni, including Symplicity, the law school’s online job bank. CAAS can also obtain access for graduates at career services offices in other parts of the country. Bar associations often have job banks, and CAAS maintains lists and links for various bars and websites.

Specifically related to careers for non-practicing graduates, the Nontraditional Legal Careers Report hosts a website that provides information about career options in non-traditional settings. The report is published every two weeks and includes real positions for JDs in non-law firm settings. Each week’s report features positions in business, education, government, the judiciary, legal publishing, policy, law libraries and public interest, as well as international positions. The law school subscribes to the service, and alumni may gain access by sending a request to lawalum@gmu.edu. You may also send requests for more information about any of the other career services mentioned here.

Additionally, the following books provide details and strategies for job searching and working in non-traditional fields:


Guerrilla Tactics For Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams...Regardless of Your Grades...Your School...or Your Work Experience, Kimm Alayne Walton, JD, 1999 (Chapter 13: Nontraditional Careers: Getting the Job of Your Dreams).

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5 Tips for Preparing for a Non-Traditional Career

1. **RESEARCH**: Learn as much as you can about areas related to your field of interest.

2. **NETWORK**: Join local trade associations related to your field of interest. These organizations can provide many opportunities for mentoring, networking, and education. Contact alums (and non-alums) in the field and schedule informational interviews. Stay in contact with people you meet throughout your law school career.

3. **EXPERIENCE**: Practical experience in the field is essential. Nontraditional legal employers want to see your level of commitment to the field. To get in the door, volunteer.

4. **RESUME**: Make sure to tailor your resume and cover letter to capitalize on the skills you have developed through school or professional positions. Analytical skills, advocacy, communication, research, the ability to break down a problem into its component parts, and the ability to assess risk are all directly transferred into other professions.

5. **INTERVIEWS**: This is your opportunity to convince the interviewer that you are the perfect candidate because of your law degree—not in spite of it. Be prepared for the inevitable questions:
   - Why don’t you want to practice law?
   - Why should I hire you?
   - How will you cope with lower salary expectations?
   - How do we know you won’t go back to the practice of law?
   - Are you comfortable reporting to people who don’t have JDs or other advanced degrees?

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**Law School Alumni Donors Lead University in Participation Rates**

Thanks to the generosity of its alumni, the law school enjoyed one of its best years ever in number of alumni donors, alumni participation rate, and overall dollars raised for general and scholarship funds.

In FY10, 1,009 law graduates made gifts to Mason Law—a record number. Mason Law’s alumni participation rate—17.3 percent—was the second highest in the history of the law school, and the highest (by far) of any academic unit at George Mason University for the fourth consecutive year.

Friends of Mason Law, so important to the law school for larger gifts and pledges, were instrumental in the amount of money raised last year. In FY10, the dollar amount of new gifts and pledges to Mason Law’s general fund and general scholarship fund was just short of $900,000, up 21.4 percent from FY09.

The law school is well on its way to its twin goals of a combined general and scholarship fund of $1.4 million and an annual alumni participation rate of 20 to 25 percent annually by FY13—with 12 classes already having reached that benchmark, as shown below.

| FY10 Class Participation Rates* Above 20 Percent |
|-----------------|-------|
| 1976            | 28.1% |
| 2008            | 25.4% |
| 1979            | 25.0% |
| 2006            | 24.7% |
| 1983            | 24.4% |
| 2007            | 23.9% |
| 1982            | 22.1% |
| 2005            | 21.6% |
| 2002            | 21.3% |
| 1999            | 20.8% |
| 2003            | 20.6% |
| 1977            | 20.4% |

*Defined as number of alumni who gave in a fiscal year divided by the number of mailable alumni

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A Message From
Dean Polsby

The 2009–10 academic year ended on a high note, and we are poised for more great things in 2011. Over the summer we celebrated two major advancements. First, thanks to the generosity of our alumni, the law school celebrated a record number of alumni donors for fiscal year 2009–10. In fact, last year was one of our best years ever in terms of number of alumni donors, number of faculty and staff donors, alumni participation rates, and overall dollars raised for general and scholarship funds. Our alumni, faculty, and staff had by far the highest participation rates of any unit at George Mason University.

Also in the summer, we brought in a new team to our highly regarded Law & Economics Center (LEC). The entire team, led by Professor Henry Butler, came to us from Northwestern Law School, and their work has significantly expanded our LEC programs and sources of private support. We have, in just a few months, dramatically expanded one of our best tools for marketing our law school to judges, attorneys general, and corporate entities all over the country.

The good news continues this fall. In August, we welcomed our largest and strongest class ever—over 300 students with a median LSAT of 164 and median GPA of 3.72 chosen from more than 5,200 applicants. For the first time in three years, our faculty ranks will expand. In the spring we will introduce three new professors, and we have plans to hire more for fall 2011. Thanks to negotiations with the provost’s office, this year we will offer more stipends for students working in unpaid public service positions—much-needed support for our students in this challenging legal market. And come January, we will begin to see and enjoy dramatic changes to our physical plant. New classrooms and welcome common study space in Founders Hall will open for our students in January. Shortly thereafter, we will reclaim the entire fourth floor of Hazel Hall, as was originally envisioned over a decade ago. Over the next two years, we will expand our library and update some of our classrooms to provide more study space, better technology, and more scheduling flexibility.

Recently we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the first graduating class of George Mason University School of Law. Despite our relative youth, George Mason continues to rival and in many cases outpace some of the nation’s oldest law schools. Even in these uncertain economic times, we are expanding our resources, attracting more students, and updating our program. We cannot do this without alumni support. Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of George Mason and future generations of alumni.

July Virginia Bar Results

Mason Law Overall Pass Rate 83.2%
Virginia Overall Pass Rate 75.2%

Mason Law Overall Pass Rate 85.3%
Virginia First Time Pass Rate 79.8%

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Matching Gifts

Gifts to George Mason University School of Law may be doubled or even tripled through matching gift programs provided by more than 1,000 corporations in support of qualified higher education programs. Since the individual and the company making the match receive recognition credit, a matching gift could qualify you for one of the giving societies listed above. If your employer or your spouse’s employer matches contributions, please enclose the matching gift form when you make your gift. For additional information about matching gifts, please contact your human resources department or the School of Law Development Office at 703-993-9346.

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Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds can provide special tax advantages. These include a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift and avoidance of capital gains taxes. The simplest and most efficient way to make a gift of stock to George Mason University School of Law is to instruct your broker or banker to transfer the stock to the GMU Foundation. You or your broker may call the School of Law Development Office at 703-993-9346 for transfer instructions or write to the School of Law Development Office, 3301 Fairfax Drive, MS1G3, Arlington, VA 22201. You may also e-mail the Director of Development at corish@gmu.edu. Please do not sell the stock in your name and have the proceeds sent to us, or that will be considered a cash contribution, and you will be liable for capital gains tax. In addition, keep in mind that many corporate matching gift programs honor a donation of securities.
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Law & Economics Center Expands
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“Professor Butler has dedicated much of his career to improving our civil justice system through his judicial education programs,” says Dean Polsby. “By bringing Henry and his team to Mason, we have intensified our fundamental institutional commitment to clarifying the role of markets and incentives in promoting the welfare of individuals and communities, and putting this teaching to work on the ground, both in the learning of law students and the decision making of public officials.”

For more information about Professor Butler and the LEC, visit www.masonlec.org.

Faculty News
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Professor Ilya Somin wrote and filed two Supreme Court amicus briefs in the fall, the first in Virginia v. Sebelius, a case challenging the constitutionality of the Obama health care plan’s individual mandate requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance by 2014 or face a fine. The second brief, in Tick-It-Away, Inc., et al v. New York State Urban Development Corp., d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation, supports the condemnees’ request that the Supreme Court review the case and address confusion about Kelo’s meaning in the context of pretextual takings, highlighting the need for the Court to establish and enforce safeguards to protect citizens from takings effected for private purposes.

Professor David Schleicher delivered a talk entitled “Three Myths of Redistricting” at the American Bar Association’s 2010 Administrative Law Conference held in Washington, D.C., in early November.

Professor Lloyd Cohen presented a lecture at Georgetown University in October on a market for human organs, using a whiteboard to draw supply and demand curves to illustrate the benefits of a market for human body parts.

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

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Alumni Make the Difference

By David Ginsberg, Class of ’96
President, Law Alumni Association

I am honored to serve as the president of your Alumni Association. As president, I have been in a position to see our alumni and school participate in many wonderful and diverse activities. As can be said about many activities and organizations—you get out of it what you put into it.

Certainly, we have all put a lot into the school between the long hours studying, enduring the Socratic Method, paying tuitions and learning quantitative methods and other challenging things, and we received something of incredible value in return—our diplomas. Many of us figured that our opportunity to contribute and receive things from George Mason ended when we walked across the graduation stage, but nothing could be further from the truth. Our diploma keeps giving back to us, and by contributing our time and/or money, we have the opportunity to increase its value.

I urge you to take the time to connect with George Mason by participating in school-coordinated events. George Mason and the Alumni Association organize a wide variety of functions throughout the school year, and I dare say that there is something for everyone. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Alumni Association or the law school to see how you can become involved in an activity that interests you. Not only will your contribution be extremely valuable to the school and its students, but I am confident that you will find your participation to be rewarding and enjoyable.

In the 2010–11 school year, the Alumni Association will organize several social events, such as the Murphy Pool Tournament and the annual Judicial and Legislative Reception. In addition, there are numerous opportunities to mentor and interact with current law students through moot court and advocacy competitions, mock interviews, mentor programs, legal clinics, speed networking, and many others. This is just a small sampling of the opportunities that are available. Do not hesitate to contact the Alumni Association or George Mason to find out how you can reconnect or become more involved.

As the school celebrates its 30th year as the George Mason School of Law, thanks to your generous contributions of time and money (blood, sweat, and tears for many) the school has established itself as a top law school, and its alums are establishing themselves as leaders in the legal community. As alumni, we are in the unique position to help George Mason continue its growth simply by being active members of the George Mason community. I look forward to seeing you during the upcoming school year!

The School of Law and the Alumni Association extend their sincere thanks to

Todd Heflin (’01) and Wayne Paugh (’00)
who completed their terms as board members this past year,
serving the alumni and students of the law school
with dedication and enthusiasm.

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Alumni Make the Difference

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.

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Dylan Brown ('10) and Dr. Elaine Alexandra Athos were married in Westerly, Rhode Island, in May. Brown will join New York law firm Cahill Gordon & Reindel as an associate in January.

George Ingham ('10) celebrated his marriage to Jessie in August. He will clerk for Judge Karen LeCraft-Henderson of the DC Circuit Court in 2012.

Alan Wonnacott ('09) has opened The Law Office of Alan J. Wonnacott in Arlington, Virginia.

Joshua Dutilt ('09) joined the litigation practice group at Stradley Ronon’s Philadelphia office as an associate.

Benjamin Haskins ('09) is a legal fellow with Washington Legal Foundation.

Josh Blackman ('09) was featured in a CNN story about his website called FantasySCOTUS.net, which allows people to predict all of the high court’s pending cases. Also carrying a story about Josh’s online game was the National Law Journal in a September issue. Josh, who is currently clerking for a federal district judge, also will be clerking for Judge Boggs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in 2011.

Katie Kunkel ('09) and Nick Stewart were married in an October 2010 ceremony that caught the eye of the news media, resulting in an appearance on CBS “The Early Show” and phone calls from producers of reality shows. Katie shared the stage on her special day with two of her sisters as they celebrated a triple wedding in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Eric Steiner ('09) is the new government affairs director for farm policy at the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Elizabeth Maher Wright ('09) is an associate in Howrey LLP’s antitrust practice.

Ralitza Grigorova Minchev ('09) and husband Dimitar announced the birth of their daughter, Lea Demira, on September 10, 2010.

Tim Shirk ('09) has been appointed by the Attorney General of Rwanda to serve with him at the Ministry of Justice for the next year. He will be doing civil, criminal and genocide, and government contracts work for the country with four other American attorneys under Rwanda’s “Borrowed Talent” initiative.

Benjamin Maskell ('09) joined Roetzel & Andress as an associate focusing on patent issues.

Ezra Hood ('09) is a partner in the new law firm Candler & Hood, PLLC, Dallas, Texas.

Edyta-Christina Gryzbowska Grant ('09) joined Thomas Anton & Associates, a Bakersfield, California, civil litigation law firm, where her focus is complex business litigation, employment law, and immigration law. She was the recipient of the 2009 Kern County Women Lawyers Foundation Scholarship and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award for excellent achievement in the study of asylum and refugee law.

Ashley Winsky ('09) joined Williams Mullen in the Virginia Beach office, where her focus is labor and employment litigation, as well as commercial litigation.

Brandy Wagstaff ('09) and Mike Petrino ('08) became engaged in March.

Jesse Binnall ('09) and Jonathan Bronley ('09) have founded a law firm in Fairfax, Virginia—Bronley & Binnall, PLLC.

Todd Castleton ('09) was one of several lawyers who established the D.C. employee benefits practice of international law firm Proskauer Rose LLP. His practice focuses on the compliance and administration of qualified defined contribution and defined benefit plans, nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements, and health and welfare plans.

Aubrey Stuempele ('08) and Evan Wesser ('08) were married in March. Guests included Professor Joshua Wright and 2008 classmates Peter Vaughan, Meg Hart, Megan Kapaua, Alexis Conway, Elizabeth Bradshaw DeYoung, Patrick Foltz, Jackie and Joseph Hankins, Miranda Jones, Andrew McNiven, Mauricio Posadas, Laurie Quaife Weisner, and Michael Ch’ang ('09). Evan is a government contracts associate at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, and Aubrey is an antitrust specialist for Verizon Communications.

Kristen Forry Lawfer ('08) joined White & Williams as an associate in the subrogation department of the firm’s Philadelphia office.

Bernardo Pierack ('08) received a pro bono award from Kirkland & Ellis for 200 hours of service to nonprofits, four times the bar’s aspirational standard. He in turn made a generous donation of the money to Mason’s Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers in honor of his two brothers, who serve in the U.S. Army.

LT Corey Bean ('08) was named Junior Officer of the Quarter for the last quarter of 2009. He also has been appointed officer-in-charge of the Corpus Christi, TX, Navy Legal Service Office branch office where he will supervise military and civilian personnel stationed in Corpus Christi and Fort Worth, TX.

Elizabeth J. Reiter ('08) is an associate at Irving & Irving PC, in Manassas, Virginia.

Alexander Zarrinneshan ('08) co-founded Coastal Immigration Law Group, PC in San Diego. The firm provides legal immigration services to those in and around the San Diego area.

Erin Martinko ('08) joined USA as director of government relations in USA’s Washington office.

Elliot Fitzgerald ('08) and Elizabeth Louise Stewart were married in October 2009, in Florida. He is with the firm Spotts Fain in Richmond, Virginia, where the couple resides.

Daniel Easley ('08) is counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation.

Matthew Estes ('08) has joined Tully Rinckey PLLC as an associate in its Washington, D.C., law office. Estes will focus his
practice on federal sector labor and employment law.

Kenneth Klukowski ('08) joined Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and J. Kenneth Blackwell, senior fellow of the Family Research Council, in penning a January Wall Street Journal op-ed critical of the health care reform bill passed this year. Klukowski is a fellow and senior legal analyst with the American Civil Rights Union.

Dean Lhospital ('08) started his own firm, Sneathern & Lhospital LLP, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lucy Jewett Wheatley ('08) and Kevin Wheatley ('05) are the parents of a baby girl.

Michael Gold ('08) was deployed in October to the Army’s administrative law section in Bagram, Afghanistan, where he will be until sometime next summer.

Jaimy Lewis ('07) is a contract specialist with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Rocky King ('07) and wife Allison welcomed the birth of their son on October 29. Rocky is with Wilson Elser.

Mark Seavey ('07) was appointed to the board of Soldiers’ Angels, a nonprofit organization that provides aid to members of the U.S. armed services. He is currently the new media manager for The American Legion. In September he celebrated his marriage to Caroline.

Sarah Graves ('07) has joined Husch Blackwell LLP as an associate in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. She is in the Regulatory & Governmental Affairs department and concentrates her practice in the area of government contracts.

Dave Blake ('07) has been named Assistant Solicitor General for Colorado, where he has relocated with his family.

Elizabeth Becker Reiter ('07) is currently an associate at Irving & Irving P.C., Manassas, Virginia.

Noah Bason ('06) is counsel at Cavalier Telephone, a Richmond, Virginia, headquartered telecommunications service provider.

Stephen Di Stefano ('06) practices personal injury law with Stark & Stark in Marlton, New Jersey.

Elizabeth Kim ('06) is an attorney with Pasternak & Fidis, P.C., where her focus is estate planning.

Nathan Olson ('06) finished first in the 5k Run in the Sun at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar. His photo is in the June/July edition of The Virginia Lawyer.

Tyler Owens ('06), staff counsel to U.S. Senator Robert Bennett (R-Utah), joins the Senate Appropriations Committee as professional staff.

Kenneth Nunnennkamp ('06) joined Jones Day as of counsel, advising clients on export and import control cases, complex investigations, compliance, audit, and enforcement matters.

Bridgette Dziedzic ('05) is the assistant director for state licensing for Education Management Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

James Hertsch ('05) is a staff attorney at McDermott, Will & Emory in Washington, D.C., in the Discovery & Dispute Resolution practice group.

Ruth T. Griggs ('05) joined Sands Anderson as an associate in the healthcare practice group.

Omar Passons ('05) is a deputy attorney for the California Department of Transportation and is the president of the North Park Community Association in San Diego, California.

Yancey Ellis ('05) joined Tully Rinckey as an associate. His practice focuses on providing representation to military service members.

Blair Schiff ('05) is an associate in the Washington office of Pepper Hamilton LLP, where he specializes in real estate and property matters.

Marcos Araus ('04) and Katie Brouwer Araus ('05) are the proud parents of Sofia, born in July 2010.

Michael May ('04) was elected by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors to a one-year term as the board’s vice chairman. He is an attorney at Albo & Oblon, LLP in Arlington.

Nathan Veldhuis ('04) joined the law firm of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen as an associate in the Fredericksburg office.

Correy Smith ('04) is an assistant prosecutor in Augusta County, Virginia.

Paul S. Phillips ('04) became a partner in Stevens, Edwards, Hallock, Carpenter & Phillips, P.C., a six attorney, general practice law firm with offices located in Gillette, Wyoming, and Sundance, Wyoming. He concentrates his practice in the areas of civil litigation, estate planning, probate and real estate. He also serves as a magistrate judge for Campbell County, Wyoming.

Jon Burd ('04) celebrated an April marriage to Jean Lindstrom Limpert in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Jon is a government contracts associate at the Washington law firm Wiley Rein.

Kevin Greene ('04) was promoted to a principal at Fish & Richardson, where he handles patent prosecutions with an emphasis in the areas of electrical engineering and physics in the firm’s Washington office.

W. Ashley Burgess ('04) has been made counsel in the business, finance and real estate practice group at Sands Anderson. His practice focuses on representing companies and their executives with issues in contracts, creditors’ rights, financing, and real estate.

R. Saleha Mohamedulla ('04) is with Howard & Howard, in their Royal Oaks, Michigan, office. Her concentration is in intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent prosecution and infringement litigation in chemical and mechanical technologies.

Brendan McMurrer ('04) and Jennifer R. McMurrer (MPP ’03), welcomed the birth of their son, Eamon James, on January 13, 2010.

Jennifer Stanford ('04) and Sunjeet Randhawa ('03) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Zorah Luise Kaur Randhawa, on September 30, 2010.

Karen Hickey ('03) welcomed her second child, daughter Rachel.

Greg Gledhill ('03) recently joined the Kiewit Infrastruc- ture Group, a general contractor, as an in-house counsel. He resides in Southern California with his wife and four children.

Veronica Ascarrunz ('03) became the mother of twins, a boy and a girl, in fall 2009.

Meredith Smith ('03) joined Rochester Institute of Technol- ogy as director of state and local government relations in June. Husband Clair Smith ('03) is an assistant professor of economi-
ics at Saint John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. (See related story page 18.)

Michael Serafino ('02) is vice president and regional counsel for Bovis Lendlease.

Michael H. Belinkie ('02), is a tenor vocalist with the Navy Band’s Sea Chanters chorus in Washington.

Julia Taylor Boone ('02) was promoted to partner at her firm, Hirsch & Ehlenberger, PC.

Mary Lutz ('02) is an attorney advisor at the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission in the Division of Enforcement.

Tom McCarthy ('01) was promoted to of counsel at Wiley Rein LLP's Washington, D.C., office. Tom and wife Rachel ('01) welcomed a new baby to the McCarthy family this year.

Jade Camara ('01) is vice president and general counsel for Northwest Title & Escrow, LLC.

Will Consovoy ('01) was elected partner at Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, D.C.

John Whitbeck ('01) and his wife celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sadie Claire.

Daniel Harvill ('01) has opened his own practice, Daniel A. Harvill, PLLC in Manassas, Virginia.

Elizabeth Keith ('01) gave birth to her second daughter, Avery, in fall 2009. Avery joins big sister Nora to round out the Keith family. Elizabeth also was seen as one of the lead characters in the Little Theatre of Alexandria’s production of Noel Coward’s Nudie with Violin.

Maureen Knight ('01) a partner in the Fairfax, Va., office, of Constantry Brooks & Smith, LLP, was selected by Virginia Super Lawyers 2010 as a Virginia Rising Star for Employment Litigation: Defense. She devotes a substantial amount of her practice to wage and hour issues as well as representing clients in discrimination charges before local, state and federal agencies.

Kenneth Falkenstein ('00) has joined Huff, Poole & Mahoney, P.C., in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as a member of the litigation team.

Stephanie Duck Merritt ('00), department counsel for the Virginia Department of Forensic Science, recently served on a legislative working group convened by the Virginia governor to address Virginia's notice-and-demand statutes.

Cristina Finch ('00) is the government relations director for Amnesty International’s new priority campaign, “Demand Dignity.” The campaign focuses on the human rights abuses that are the causes and consequences of poverty. Currently Cristina’s focus is on maternal mortality.

Chris Soucie ('00) joined Cassidy Turley as vice president in the Washington, D.C., leasing group, where his primary focus is tenant representation matters.

Sean P. O’Hanlon ('00) is the founding member of Sean P. O’Hanlon, Esq., PLLC and specializes in the practice of intellectual property law in Alexandria, Virginia.

Babak Zafarnia ('00) founded Praecere Public Relations, a media and consulting firm located in Washington, D.C., and serves as its president.

Greg Kalinsky ('00) is senior vice president and CIO for GEICO, with responsibilities for the company's information technology operations.

Christie Leary ('00) gave birth to her first child, a son, in December 2009.

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Peter Ganser ('00) has left the U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi, for a position as Deputy Consul General in the U.S. Embassy, Islamabad.

R. Whitney Winston ('99) was promoted from associate to of counsel to the intellectual property group at Steptoe & Johnson's Washington, D.C., office.

Jennifer Gorman ('99) was married to John Francis Staudt in an October 2010 ceremony. She is with the Department of Defense, Office of General Counsel, in Arlington, Virginia.

Lisa Estrada ('99) was named by Nightingale's Healthcare News as one of the Outstanding Healthcare Fraud & Compliance Lawyers of 2010. She is one of only 10 lawyers nationwide to be recognized with this award.

Christi Shewman ('99) is legal advisor for wireline and universal service in the office of Federal Communications Commissioner Meredith Arwell Baker.

Michael Fleming ('99) is an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Sheri Kram (99) welcomed the birth of her first child, Ari Talabany, in March 2010.

Christopher Nolen ('99) joined McGuire Woods, where he focuses on his government affairs practice at McGuire Woods Consulting, while continuing his law practice at McGuire Woods LLP.

Kenneth Warf ('99) was elected mayor of Jarratt, Virginia, in January 2010.

Matthew Kelly ('99) was promoted to managing director and associate general counsel at CME Group in February 2010.

Jennifer Dacey ('98) joined the firm Ward and Smith PA. as a trusts and estates attorney in the company's New Bern, North Carolina, office.

Raymond A. Atkins ('98) has become the Surface Transportation Board’s general counsel.

Sunwoo Lee ('98) joined Roettz & Andress as a partner. His practice group focuses on patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret issues, including litigation, licensing, due diligence and portfolio management.

Goutam (Gooch) Patnaik ('98) has joined Pepper Hamilton LLP as a partner in the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice Group, resident in the Washington office, where he concentrates his practice on intellectual property and commercial matters, including patent, trademark and copyright disputes.


Jennifer Banks ('97) is with The Banks Law Office, PLLC in Fairfax, Virginia.

Monica Riva Talley ('97) has joined Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox’s Washington office as a partner in the trademark practice.
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David Ginsberg (‘96), a partner at Cooper Ginsberg Gray, PLLC was named a Top Divorce Lawyer by Northern Virginia magazine.

Thomas Repczynski (‘96) has joined Offit Kurman in Bethesda, Maryland, as a principal. He is part of the firm’s bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors’ rights practice.

Daniel Quarles (‘96) was promoted to partner at LeClair Ryan. He focuses his practice on civil and commercial litigation at the firm’s Williamsburg, Virginia, office.

Dan Gray (‘96), a partner at Cooper Ginsberg Gray, PLLC was named a Top Divorce Lawyer by Northern Virginia magazine.

Wes Russell (‘95) was appointed by law school classmate and Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (‘95) to head the AG’s civil litigation unit that specializes in constitutional challenges to laws. (See related story page 2.)

Annette Kahler (‘95) recently became of counsel to the law firm of Heslin, Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti PC, where she will focus on worldwide intellectual property protection, enforcement and management; technology licensing; university technology transfer; and the intellectual property aspects of business planning and strategy.

Antoine Cobb (‘95) is a partner at Troutman Sanders LLP in Portland, Oregon.

John Harrop (‘95) joined Thompson Coburn as a partner in the Washington, D.C., office, where he practices in the areas of patent procurement and licensing, patent portfolio assessment, domestic and international patent policy, and patent enforcement.

Mike Littlejohn (‘94) joined Day & Zimmerman as general counsel for its government services division, where he is responsible for assessing and managing legal issues and other risks for that group.

Heather Cooper (‘94), a partner at Cooper Ginsberg Gray, PLLC was named a Top Divorce Lawyer by Northern Virginia magazine.

Robert Levy (‘94), chairman of the Cato Institute, was named a co-chair of the American Foundation for Equal Rights Advisory Board.

Bill Viverette (‘93) was elected chairman of the Henrico County Community Criminal Justice Board. He also serves on the Virginia State Bar Council from the 14th Judicial Circuit and is a member of the VSB’s standing committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Ira Mirsky (‘93) was promoted to partner at McDermott Will & Emery LLP. He practices in the Washington, D.C., office, where his focus is tax controversy matters related to employee compensation, fringe and welfare benefits, and deferred compensation arrangements.

K. Brett Marston (‘93), a partner in Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP in Roanoke, Virginia, recently attained the distinction of the highest rating through Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review.

David Dunham (‘93) joined McIntosh Sawran Peltz & Cartaya as a senior associate in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Sean Connaughton (‘92) was named Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia by Governor Bob McDonnell. (See related story page 2.)

Michael Goodove (‘92), a partner in the Norfolk law firm of Rabinowitz, Swartz, Taliaferro, Swartz & Goodove, P.C., was recognized as a Virginia Super Lawyer in 2010 in the area of personal injury law by Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine and Richmond Magazine.

Kathleen J.L. Holmes (‘92) was named by Virginia Lawyers Weekly to its Influential Women of Virginia list. Kathleen opened a new law firm in Fairfax, Virginia, Holmes & Costin, PLLC, where she serves small and start-up technology business selling to the federal government. The company also provides legal planning services on a fixed-fee basis to parents of children with disabilities who are approaching adulthood, including representation during guardianship hearings.

Darcy Shoop (‘92) was listed as one of Washington’s best legal minds in family law in the December 2009 edition of Washingtonian magazine.

Julie Harry Heiden (‘92), a partner of Koonz, McKenney, Johnson, DePaolis & Lightfoot, L.L.P, has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership, and excellence in legal services.

Patrick Doody (‘92) has joined Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP as an intellectual property partner in its Northern Virginia office.

Amy Wharton (‘92) is now Research and Emerging Technologies Librarian at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Suzanne Benvenuto Simpson (‘91), owner of Simpson Law, PA, has been selected for the Leadership Montgomery Class of 2011 and named vice president of the Howard County, Maryland Women’s Bar Association. Suzanne’s practice focuses on estate and business planning in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Victoria Lipnic (‘91) was appointed by President Obama to the position of Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Scott Melville (‘91) became president of Consumer Healthcare Products Association on November 1, 2010.

Maureen Ohlhausen (‘91) joined Wilkinson Barker Knauer as a partner and leads the firm’s Federal Trade Commission practice.

Lisa O’Donnell (‘90) was named by Virginia Lawyers Weekly to its Influential Women of Virginia list. Lisa is with Bertini, O’Donnell & Hammer PC in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ellen Murray (‘90) was confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Shirley Keisl (‘90) was elected a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a worldwide association of lawyers recognized by peers as experienced and expert international family law specialists.

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Rachel Virk (‘89) has written the book The Four Ways of Divorce, which provides a guide about divorce using litigation, negotiation, collaboration, and mediation. She is a Virginia Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator and a collaborative law practitioner and litigator in Northern Virginia.

Dave Krasnow (‘88) was named to Business North Carolina’s...
Legal Elite and was the leading vote-getter in the IP Attorney of the Year category. Dave also had a blues CD released in April (www.krasmusic.com).

Stacey Morgan-Foster ('88) was named vice president for student affairs at Eastern Washington University.

Arthur DeCelle ('87) has moved to McDermott Will & Emery as counsel in Washington, D.C. His focus is on alcohol regulatory and distribution issues.

Gregory W. Kelly ('87) was appointed as town manager of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, in 2006. He also serves as a voting member of the Abingdon Planning Commission and is a Virginia Certified Planner through the Citizens Planning Education Association of Virginia.

Ian D. Titley ('87) is of counsel at Gavin Law Offices, where he has an intellectual property practice in the areas of trademark, copyright, trade secret and licensing.

Albert Gidari ('85) testified at a May Capitol Hill hearing of the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Mike Zupan ('85) a founding partner at Mercer Trigiani, did a little moonlighting in December, appearing as Kris Kringle in the Alexandria Scottish Walk Parade. “The fact that Santa Claus has avoided litigation for all these years is a testament to the magic of Christmas,” Mike quipped.

Pegeen Townsend ('85) was appointed corporate vice president of government affairs for MedStar Health. She oversees all government relations activities in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and at the federal level.

Nancy Garland ('85) is a member of the Ohio House of Representatives.

The Honorable Leslie M. Alden ('83) was named by Virginia Lawyers Weekly to its Influential Women of Virginia list. (See related story page 3.)

The Honorable Mary Marlowe Sommer ('83) was appointed to a newly created judicial seat in the 1st Judicial District Court in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1980 and Earlier

Bud Albright ('80) was named by CenterPoint Energy, Inc., as senior vice president, policy and government affairs. Albright is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to advance the company’s legislative and regulatory agenda at the federal level.

Ronald Murphy ('80) was appointed director of administration of the Federal Maritime Commission effective October 2009, at the same time becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service.

The Hon. Richard L. Young ('80), U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, became a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States. He is the elected District Judge Representative for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

The Honorable Philip Clarke Baten ('80) has been appointed an administrative law judge with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Susan Brewer ('80) attorney and CEO at Steptoe & Johnson PLLC in Morgantown, WV, is a member of the West Virginia University Foundation Board of Directors.

Peter Greenspun ('78) was recognized in the December 2009 edition of Washingtonian magazine as one of the city’s top 30 lawyers. He was cited for his work in the area of criminal defense.

Mitchell D. Herman ('78) has partnered with Executive Chef Ris Lacoste, formerly of 1789, to construct and open Ris, a fine dining restaurant in Washington, D.C.

Richard T. Mullineaux's ('78) respect and professionalism in the courtroom were recognized at the Indiana State Bar Association’s annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14, where he received the 2010 Civility Award. Mullineaux, of New Albany, is a senior partner at the law firm Kightlinger & Gray and currently serves as a member of the firm’s Management Committee. He is a frequent speaker at Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forums and the Indiana Trial Advocacy College. (See photo page 25.)

Denyse Sabagh ('77) with Duane Morris LLP was recognized in the Chambers USA survey of the American legal profession for her work in the area of immigration law. She also was recognized in the December 2009 edition of Washingtonian magazine as one of the city’s top 30 lawyers for her work as an immigration lawyer.

The Honorable Horace Revercomb III ('77) retired in March of this year after 20 years on the bench in King George, Virginia.

Stephen Altman ('77) was listed as one of Washington’s best legal minds in civil defense law in the December 2009 edition of Washingtonian magazine.

The Honorable Joseph F. Leary ('77) is an Administrative Law Judge for the U.S. Social Security Administration.

Tom Cahill's ('76) debut novel “In the Land of the Chalice Maker,” went on sale on in February on Amazon.com

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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.

- Eion Murdock ('06)
- Peter C. Schnabel ('02)
- John Martin Hemenway ('97)
- Edward J. DeLozier ('90)
- Kirby H. Porter ('88)
- John A. Newman ('87)
- Ruth November-Murphy ('84)
- James T. Reynolds ('82)
- The Honorable Kirk Baxter Pyle ('78)
- Carl Bromsey Ward III ('78)
- Gary George Ellsworth ('76)
- Paul DiFazio ('75)

The Mason Law community also offers its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of law student Shane Mitchell (2L) on his untimely passing.

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ISL Founder Phil Jordan Dies

The Mason Law community is saddened by the loss of one of the original supporters and founders of the International School of Law (ISL). Phil W. Jordan died at his home in Stuart, Florida, at the age of 96 on May 24, 2010.

Jordan was a member of the initial ISL Board and was personally committed to the establishment of the new law school in the fall of 1972.

Jordan worked as a federal employee for 36 years, which included a role setting up meetings for the Marshall Plan after World War II and being the assistant director of the Secret Service for four years. His daughter, Dorothy Jordan Rayburn, shared that Jordan lived a remarkable life and was proud of his work with the ISL and his contribution to the development of George Mason University School of Law.