Law School Launches Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property

The Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg was one of three eminent judges participating in a panel discussion sponsored by Mason Law’s newest center, the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property (CPIP). See story on page 6.

Judge Ginsburg also joined the law school’s faculty as a professor of law in July, while continuing to serve as senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. See story on page 18.
Mason Law alumni are making their mark in the New York City metropolitan area in legal practice as well as other careers. Recently New York area alumni (above) gathered with prospective students at the Empire Club in Manhattan, where the prospective students received a first-hand accounting of the benefits of being a Mason Law alumnus.

Wherever you happen to be in the nation or around the world, the odds are good you can meet up with a Mason Law alumnus. While roughly two-thirds of our alumni live and work in the Virginia/D.C./Maryland region, our alumni community of nearly 7,000 is established far and wide, living and working in every state in the U.S. except North Dakota and in 39 countries across the globe. Here’s a quick look at where you can find them.

Here, There and Everywhere

Brendan Mee ('99), Ritchenya Dodd ('93), Alana Sitterly ('11), John Caulfield ('80), and Hunter Cushing ('77) take advantage of the opportunity to network with fellow Mason Law alumni at Manhattan’s Empire Club.

Be sure to update Alumni Services with your current contact information and any news to share with the alumni community. Check your online profile at www.alumniconnections.com/old/pub/GSL/ or email lawalum@gmu.edu.

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The 2011–12 Law Firm Challenge concluded successfully, with 15 law firms meeting the challenge for 100 percent participation in annual giving. Leading the way in the competition were Venable LLP with the largest number of Mason Law alumni contributing to the Challenge, SmolenPlevy with the largest sum in combined contributions from alumni, and Curran & Whittington with the highest average contribution per graduate.

In addition to the three leaders, the following firms with 100 percent participation earned honors in the Challenge: Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, L.L.P.; Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.; Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C.; Cooper Ginsberg Gray PLLC; Albo & Oblon, L.L.P.; Bean, Kinney & Korman, PC; Arlington Law Group; The Bowen Law Firm; Whitestone, Brent, Young & Merrill, P.C.; Albrecht Tousi & Farnum PLLC; and Paul Hastings LLP.

In addition to being celebrated in a full-page advertisement in Virginia Lawyers Weekly, firms meeting the Challenge were honored at a fall 2012 reception hosted by Dean Daniel Polsby in gratitude for the commitment and generosity of the school’s alumni.

The Fiscal Year 2013 Mason Law Alumni Class Giving Competition also ended on a strong note, with new and returning winners among the classes.

Congratulations to the Class of 1976 for winning the Class Participation Rate category with a 29.03% rate. The Classes of 1976 and 1983 (23.97%) were neck and neck all year long, with ’76 scoring an additional donor in the final week to put them atop the leader board.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007 for winning the Total Alumni Donors category with 44 alumni donors. This year’s second place finisher was last year’s winner: the Class of 1980 (38).

Congratulations to the Class of 1994 for winning the Total Alumni Dollars to the School of Law category with just under $90,000 contributed. This is a repeat victory by ’94, but this year the class’s total giving to Mason Law exceeded its FY12 contributions by almost $6,000.


Congratulations to all of the winning classes and their alumni. Every gift matters, and every donor counts. Thank you for your support of Mason Law.

Alumni Campaigns Inspire Giving

Alumni Assume Leadership Roles

Congratulations are in order for two of our alumni as they assume important and influential leadership roles in the support and governance of the university.

Kelly McNamara Corley (’89), was appointed to George Mason University’s Board of Visitors for a term ending June 30, 2017. In 2011 McNamara Corley received Mason’s School of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award at the University’s Celebration of Distinction.

Rodney Turner (’93) recently was elected president of the George Mason University 2013–14 Alumni Association Board of Directors.
On April 22 of this year, Dan Ruttenberg (’97) of Smolen Plevy experienced a career highlight unlike any other as he presented oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Hillman v. Maretta.

“I never had a dream to argue before the Supreme Court, but this case just kind of happened; and once it happened, I had to go with it. It turned out to be a great experience,” Ruttenberg concedes.

When Ruttenberg took Jacqueline Hillman’s case, he expected it to be a standard statutory law case involving a Virginia estate. It soon became apparent, though, that the unique issues of the case involved federal law, requiring him to get up to speed quickly on federal procedure and rules. “I had to increase my knowledge of some areas of law substantially,” he explains.

Ruttenberg notes that preparing for this case was difficult and time consuming. “It was harder than anything else I’ve done, and draining both emotionally and physically,” he says. “I’d work 17 hours, get some sleep, and do it again for long stretches.” This was particularly true while preparing the Petitioner’s Reply Brief. While the normal time frame to file the brief is 30 days, the case was fast tracked, allowing Ruttenberg only 20 days to file the brief.

“The brief was filed on Monday, I mooted on Tuesday, went to the Court to watch a case (since you don’t want your argument to be the first time you’ve been to the Supreme Court), and had a second mooting session on Wednesday. I tried to take a little break on Friday, with Saturday and Sunday spent making final preparations.”

As challenging as the process was, Ruttenberg found the day of the argument to be rewarding. “You can’t prepare any more, so you just have to enjoy it,” he says. “You’re like a rock star for the day. When I was dropped off in front of the Court, friends and family who came to see the argument cheered for me as I got out of the car. I was escorted to the front of the Court, where I then argued with the nine greatest legal minds of our day. It was a great feeling.”

While the Court found in favor of the Respondent, Ruttenberg has no regrets. “It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I really enjoyed and was able to share with friends and family who traveled from all over the country to see the argument. I am proud to be the one to get the case before the Supreme Court, though I do wish we had won.”

Incidentally, in conjunction with the case, Ruttenberg managed to win a very old $20 wager made by a friend at Ruttenberg’s graduation from law school. The friend challenged him to use the classic kids’ argument of putting fingers in the ears and saying, “I can’t hear you” in the event Ruttenberg ever argued at the High Court. Ruttenberg managed to work the line in (in a respectful manner, of course) at about the nine-minute mark of the recorded argument in Hillman v. Maretta, which is available on the U.S. Supreme Court website.

Have you, too, had the opportunity to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court? If so, please let us know at lawalum@gmu.edu.
Mason Law Launches the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property

The law school’s newest center opens on the Arlington Campus, taking its place alongside three existing centers. Read about the goals and activities of all four below.

Last fall the law school launched its newest self-funded academic center, the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property (CPIP). CPIP is dedicated to the scholarly analysis of intellectual property rights and the technological, commercial, and creative innovation they facilitate. Through a wide array of academic and public policy programming, CPIP brings together academics, policymakers, and stakeholders in the innovative and creative industries to explore foundational questions and current controversies concerning intellectual property law. Ultimately, CPIP seeks to promote balanced academic discussions and inform the public policy debate on how securing property rights in innovation and creativity is essential to a successful and flourishing economy.

CPIP began hosting academic and policy events in October 2012 and has steadily increased its programs and activities since then. The Center produces teleforums, panel discussions, blogs, and podcasts that engage in the day-to-day intellectual property policy debates. Last month the Center hosted a judicial panel on the state of the patent system that included Judge Richard Posner of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and Judges Paul Michel and Arthur Gajarsa, retired, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The panel was moderated by Judge Douglas Ginsburg, former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and current member of the Mason Law faculty. CPIP also has hosted numerous teleforum panels on both patent and copyright law and policy.

In addition to contributing to the day-to-day policy discussions, CPIP supports cutting-edge research on the history, law, and policies of intellectual property. In March 2013, the Center launched its Leonardo Da Vinci Research Fellowship Program. The Da Vinci Program is a prestigious fellowship that funds research from a diverse array of institutions and scholarly disciplines that consider the value of patents, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights. On September 12–13, 2013, CPIP will host its inaugural conference on patent law, “The Commercial Function of Patents in Today’s Innovation Economy.” The Conference will be open to the public and will be held at George Mason’s Arlington campus.

CPIP also focuses on building a community of scholars and policymakers in order to start a new academic conversation about the value of intellectual property rights. In July 2013, CPIP launched its Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship Program, a year-long, non-resident fellowship that brings together patent scholars to collaborate on a ground-breaking research agenda that examines the economic and moral value of intellectual property rights. Additionally, CPIP hosts academic roundtables to promote intense discussion and greater understanding of selected topics on the theory, policy, and practice of intellectual property. The Center hosted its inaugural roundtable on patent law in March 2013 and also hosted roundtables on copyright and patent law in June 2013.

CPIP was founded by Professor Adam Mossoff of George Mason University School of Law and Professor Mark Schultz of Southern Illinois University School of Law. Both professors have published extensively and have substantial expertise in intellectual property law and policy. Professor Mossoff has spoken at numerous congressional briefings on topics related to patent
and copyright law, and Professor Schultz writes and speaks frequently around the world about the importance of legal institutions that support the creative and innovative industries.

For more information on CPIP, please visit the Center’s website (cpip.gmu.edu), check out the blog (cpip.gmu.edu/blog), visit the Center’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cpipgmu) or follow CPIP on Twitter (@cpipgmu). You also may contact CPIP’s Director, Matthew Barblan, at 703-993-8937 or mbarblan@gmu.edu.

**Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security**

The Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security (CIP/HS) at George Mason University School of Law integrates the disciplines of law, policy, and technology to conduct comprehensive infrastructure protection analysis and research relevant to improving U.S. and international security. Current CIP/HS programs focus on education, cybersecurity, and biological defense.

CIP/HS maintains a partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to create a comprehensive, unified education system. This effort has resulted in an extensive graduate-level critical infrastructure curriculum covering topics such as resilience, risk management, information sharing, systems analysis, policies and strategies, and cybersecurity. All courses are freely available on the website and ready for use in academic institutions across the country. Materials developed to date include nine stand-alone courses, a five-course certificate program, an eight-course Public Administration concentration, and two supplemental case studies.

A second body of work involves inquiry into cybersecurity as it affects critical infrastructure systems. Work in this area began in 2010 in partnership with the National Institute for Standards and Technology and continues with analysis of recent policy directives, including Presidential Policy Directive-21: Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience and Executive Order 13636: Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity. In April 2013, CIP/HS hosted two events in partnership with Mason Law to examine and foster dialogue regarding issues that stem from these directives as well as legislation presently being discussed in Congress. The first event, co-sponsored with Mason Law’s National Security Law Journal, focused on industrial intrusion conducted by state-sponsored and individual hackers, and the second highlighted the economic impact of cyber intrusions. Work in this area continues, particularly as law and policy further evolve.

Over the past three years CIP/HS also has supported the Defense Threat Reduction Agency’s Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP). CBEP’s objectives are to assist partner nation governments in addressing obligations assumed by signing the United Nations National Security Council Resolution 1540 to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, as well as the World Health Organization’s International Health Regulations, which aim to enhance national, regional, and global public health security. Partnered with the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine (CDHAM), the CIP/HS and CDHAM team has developed a Requirements Validation Process to identify the capabilities of core biological functions within the policy and legal frameworks and the health systems of a partner country. Once complete, the process provides a baseline enabling both CBEP and the partner country to identify a path forward to strengthen the partner nation’s ability to meet its obligations under United Nations and World Health Organization regulations.

The Center also publishes The CIP Report, a monthly, electronic newsletter for professionals in industry, government, and academia who have an interest in critical infrastructure. The newsletter provides the latest information about infrastructure security, including emerging legislation, government initiatives and leaders, and academic endeavors. To subscribe to The CIP Report, or for additional information on any of these programs, please visit the website at cip.gmu.edu.
Law & Economics Center

The Law & Economic Center (LEC) is a national center for research and education that focuses on the timely and relevant economic analysis of legal and public policy issues confronting the nation. It operates on the premise that if policymakers understand economics, they will be more likely to make sound decisions that support the rule of law and the free enterprise system, thus advancing innovation, job creation, and economic growth. Housed at the School of Law, the LEC helps pursue the university’s mission by offering its educational programs as a public service.

The LEC was founded in 1974 by Henry G. Manne, Dean Emeritus of the George Mason University School of Law. Since its inception, the LEC has played a critical role as a leader in law and economics research and education. Now in its 39th year and looking forward to its 40th anniversary in 2014, the LEC, directed by Professor Henry N. Butler, has expanded its program offerings to include not only law professors and judges but attorneys general, congressional staff, and other policymakers.

Currently the LEC’s programs are offered in five distinct areas:

- **The Mason Judicial Education Program** is the nation’s preeminent provider of high-quality, balanced judicial education seminars that focus on economics, finance, accounting, statistics and scientific method. The LEC has been offering programs for judges since 1976.

- **Henry G. Manne Program in Law & Economics Studies** promotes law and economics scholarship by funding faculty research and hosting policy-relevant research roundtables and academic conferences.

- **Searle Civil Justice Institute** is a public policy institute devoted to producing timely, analytically rigorous, and balanced research on important civil justice issues confronting our free enterprise system.

- **Mason Attorneys General Education Program** offers educational programming that provides a broad-based understanding of economic and public policy issues that state attorneys general and their staff attorneys encounter in the course of their legal practice.

- **The Congressional Civil Justice Caucus Academy** organizes rigorous, balanced education programs on a range of civil justice issues for the benefit of the general public and members of the U.S. Congress and their staffs.

The LEC is committed to developing original, high-quality law and economics research and education programs to further its mission. In 2012–13, the LEC ran 48 programs totaling 151 program days, commissioned 24 academic papers, completed 4 research projects, and initiated 4 new research projects. In the process, the LEC brought together 382 academics, 289 judges, 224 attorneys general and senior staff, and 267 Congressional staff members.

The Information Economy Project

The Information Economy Project (IEP) was created in 2005 with support from the George Mason University Foundation and the School of Law and has been directed by Professor Thomas Hazlett since its inception.

The Center occupies a place at the intersection of academic research and public policy, bringing academic rigor to issues of social significance. The IEP undertakes its mission in the belief that public policy in the Information Economy is central to the health of the global economy, can limit or expand free speech, and determines how our basic social and economic institutions are shaped.

The IEP sponsors conferences and lectures that tap prominent thinkers in business, law, and government. Its research enterprise assists established experts and promising young scholars who are analyzing the most challenging regulatory questions of the day. In addition to publishing studies in leading law reviews, economics journals, and policy forums, IEP reaches beyond academic audiences, placing essays in popular outlets such as Barron’s, the Financial Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

Currently the IEP pursues research in the following area:

- **Radio spectrum allocation policy**
- **Broadband regulation and network neutrality**
- **Wireless network neutrality**
- **Intellectual property and antitrust**
- **Digital media regulation**
- **Competition and pricing in mobile markets**

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While Frank Gulino ('13) was preparing to graduate from law school this spring, he also was preparing for a commencement of another sort as his original composition, *Legends of the Pacific*, was premiered on March 11 by the Clipper City Brass Quintet on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center.

Seth Horner, a tuba player in the quintet, notes that “Frank’s music represents a totally original and exciting style of composition that is derived directly from the language of brass, with a unique character and spirit that is quickly being embraced by performers and audiences alike.”

Gulino has been commissioned to write several other pieces for brass and trombone, and his works have been performed at dozens of colleges, universities, and conservatories, both domestically and abroad, including such places as Italy, Estonia, Norway, and Latvia.

Gulino, who graduated from the Johns Hopkins University’s prestigious Peabody Conservatory of Music with a BM in Bass Trombone Performance, says he was drawn to law school for superior job prospects and earning potential, as well as to prove to himself that he was capable of multi-dimensional living.

“I won my first professional audition in 2008 to play the summer season with an opera company in Washington, D.C.,” explains Gulino. “Because of the economic downturn, funding was lost and the season was cut. Even though I had won the audition, I was out of a job. You could count on your hands the number of bass trombone jobs that pay a living wage that have held auditions in the past five years.”

“I graduated #1 in my class from the oldest conservatory in the country and won a competitive audition only to have the job disappear. Three years later, I graduated in the bottom third of my law school class with a well-paying job offer in my pocket,” says Gulino, noting the irony.

After sitting for the bar exam, Gulino will begin a job with a law firm in Tysons Corner in September. In the meantime, he enjoys a full schedule, with musical performances of his work occurring across the country throughout the summer.

“Most importantly, trombonist David Perkel of the U.S. Navy Band will be presenting his final doctoral paper and recital on my compositions for the trombone,” says Gulino. “Needless to say, I didn’t anticipate being a faculty-approved, doctoral-level research project so soon, but I’m looking forward to attending his performance, which will include a recital program entirely of my own work.”
Founders Hall was the venue for this year’s 16th Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception (JLR) on May 22, where over 420 alumni, judges, legislators and other attendees gathered to enjoy each others’ company and sample fine food and drink, including fresh oysters from the New Point Oyster Company provided by Mason alumnus Jack White (’86).

The JLR remains one of the law school’s most heavily attended and popular events of the year.

“For me the JLR event each year is the premier event put on by the Law School Alumni Association. It is the perfect opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. The increasing number of attendees each year attests to the popularity of the event,” comments Alan Plevy (’77) of SmolenPlevy.

“This annual event is always a special evening,” adds Brian Drummond (’88), of Whitestone, Brent, Young and Merrill, PC. “Where else do you get to meet and greet federal and state judges in such a relaxed setting? Jack White’s oysters are extraordinary, the food is delicious, and the company delightful. I encourage all Mason alumni to attend!”

“Our firm and guests had such a great time at the reception and it was our pleasure to be a sponsor. We look forward to next year’s reception and sponsoring it once more,” Brianna Salerno (’10) of The Carlberg Law Firm comments.

A sampling of the fine wines of Breaux Vineyards, Philip Carter Winery, and Cave Ridge Vineyard were offered to attendees of this year’s event. In addition, guests were offered the opportunity to enjoy craft-brewed ales from Blue Mountain Brewery.

“At a young lawyer’s perspective, it is a superb networking event. It was a terrific opportunity to meet or reconnect with many of the leaders in the law from our community—a truly wonderful occasion,” says Bret Lee (’11) of SmolenPlevy.

The Law Alumni Association extends sincere thanks to its event sponsors, listed right, without whose support the event would not be possible.

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Teresa B. Payne (’96), Special Assistant in the Office of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, was the guest speaker at the annual Women’s Law Association Networking Breakfast.

Payne spoke from her personal perspective about teleworking or working from home and issues arising from alternative work schedules, a timely topic given Yahoo’s announcement of a change to its policies discontinuing telework for its employees.

When Payne began her career at HUD in 1996 as an Honors Legal Intern, teleworking policies did not yet exist; however, since 2001 all federal agencies have been required to have policies in place ensuring that certain a percentage of the eligible workforce is given the opportunity to participate in telework. Today, 41% of the employees in the Office of Housing at HUD have regular teleworking arrangements.

Alumnae were eager to jump into the discussion, adding their thoughts and opinions, positive and negative, about teleworking and its potential effects on a career.

The group’s observations pointed to the benefits a flexible work scheduled provides. But participants acknowledged that along with the wider acceptance of teleworking today, there is a growing perception that associates should always be accessible and have direct contact with colleagues and partners as a way to enhance and advance their careers.
Event Receives Outstanding Community Support

A resounding thank you to all the alumni who generously supported the 16th Annual Association for Public Interest Law Auction. With the support of the George Mason Law community, APIL raised almost $20,000 at the ever-popular auction!

Funds raised through this event were used to provide summer scholarships for George Mason School of Law students working in public service positions. Scholarship recipients are currently serving the community in a variety of ways, including through Legal Services of Northern Virginia and by providing free legal assistance to members of the nation’s armed forces.

Look for more information in the spring about next year’s

A packed venue at Arlington’s Ri Rá, right, attests to the spirit with which the Mason community has embraced the annual auction, which has the strong support of students, alumni, and faculty members each year.

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Noteworthy Student Achievements & News

- **Raven Merlau ('13)** received the prestigious Burton Award for excellence in legal writing just prior to her graduation from the School of Law in May. Her selection represents the seventh consecutive year that a Mason Law student has been chosen for the honor.

- Mason Law student **Victoria Walker (4L)** was elected national chair of the National Black Law Students Association for the academic year 2013–14.

- Of the nearly 300 teams competing in the 20th Annual Willems C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, George Mason tied for ninth place overall in the competition for the second year in a row, and all of the team members eligible to receive individual recognition did so. **Matt Brown ('13), Jonathan Rhodes ('13), and Daniel Rodriguez (3L)** all received Honorable Mentions for Best Individual Oralist. More than 1,800 students from 67 countries competed in this year’s competition, among whom roughly 4% received such a distinction. George Mason was one of only five schools to have all three of its eligible students achieve individual recognition. Fellow teammates **Spencer Nelson ('13) and Mark Probasco ('13)** also argued in the general rounds; but due to the rules of the competition, they were not eligible to compete for individual recognition.

- **Geoffrey Wistow ('13)** won a writing competition scholarship from the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association. The subject of Wistow’s essay was the current problems facing the VA disability claims processing system, specifically focusing on problems caused by the disability rating system itself and how PTSD is both diagnosed and treated.

- **Lisa Goldstein’s ('13)** student Note in the George Mason Law Review, entitled “The Janus-Faced Supreme Court: The Decision in Janus Capital Group and Implications of the Court’s Third Look at Secondary Liability for Securities Fraud,” was selected for the second-place award in the Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni (ASECA) Writing Competition. The decision in Janus Capital Grp., Inc. v. First Derivative Traders is the most recent in a line of cases examining what is necessary to allege primary versus secondary liability under the securities laws.

- Mason Law student **Olivia Seo (3L)** won the top prize in the ABA Criminal Justice Section’s 2013 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition. Seo’s entry, “Government Monitoring of Social Networks and the Reach of the Fourth Amendment,” was selected for the award by a committee of practicing criminal law attorneys.

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Judge Stanley Klein Retires

At the close of the 2013 Summer Term, the Mason Law community bid a fond farewell to **Distinguished Adjunct Stanley Klein**, retired circuit court judge, who also has retired from teaching after a long and valuable relationship with the School of Law.

In addition to his teaching duties, Judge Klein for many years has managed the Virginia Practice and Domestic Relations programs in which students have had the opportunity to work in the Chambers of judges in Northern Virginia Circuit Courts, General District Courts and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, Commonwealth Attorneys’ offices, Public Defenders’ offices, Legal Aid, and practitioners’ offices.

Judge Klein’s influence and contributions as a teacher, mentor, and friend over so many years are indeed immeasurable, and his presence will be missed in the building. Please join the law school community in wishing him great happiness in the next chapter of his life.

Alumni are encouraged to attend a reception to mark Judge Klein’s retirement from Mason Law on October 10, 2013. Details to be provided soon.
Saturday, May 18, marked the day the long journey through law school ended and the future opened up before the over 250 JD and three LLM students who were handed their diplomas by Dean Daniel Polsby at the spring 2013 commencement ceremonies at George Mason University.

At 10 a.m. on commencement day, all 8,000 Class of 2013 graduates were honored at the university’s traditional full convocation held at the Patriot Center on the Fairfax Campus. At 12:30 p.m., members of the law school’s Class of 2013 assembled for a panoramic class photo, afterward filing into the university’s Concert Hall for the start of the School of Law’s convocation at 2 p.m.

The law school convocation featured a guest address by The Honorable William T. Newman, Jr., Presiding Judge and Chief Judge for the Arlington Circuit Court, 17th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Eric Claey’s, Professor of Law, was selected as faculty speaker, while graduating students Abby Vexler Uzupis and Lora Barnhart Driscoll were day and evening class speakers, respectively. Dean Polsby awarded Cory Maggio the Law School Service Award during the ceremony for his contributions to the law school. Graduating students Muhammad Elsayed, Tyson Alynn Johnson, and Wesley E. Weeks earned the distinction of graduating summa cum laude.

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

The 2013 commencement activities were ushered in on Friday evening, May 17, with the traditional graduation reception held in the Levy Atrium, Hazel Hall, for graduates, their families, faculty, and staff. The reception is sponsored each year by the Student Bar Association and provides a festive atmosphere for a final class get-together prior to graduation day.
Student organizations contribute greatly to the life of the law school community. There are 52 student-run organizations that provide social and issue-driven opportunities for students, as well as opportunities for professional skills development. A complete list is on the website at www.law.gmu.edu/students/orgs.

Many of these student organizations host receptions and events to which they invite former members who have graduated and moved on in their careers. These student/alumni events introduce students to their future colleagues and provide alumni with a glimpse into goings-on at the law school with the groups with which they were so closely associated.

In the past year, the following student organizations shared special events with their alumni members:

- Civil Rights Law Journal
- George Mason Law Review
- Association for Public Interest Law
- Constitutional Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- Pro Bono Society
- Internet Telecommunications & Media Law Association
- Student Bar Association
- Women’s Law Association

Alumni can help sponsor student events or support student organizations directly by contacting the Alumni Services Office or by noting any special designation to a particular organization on any contribution made to the GMU Foundation.

Kay Hill ('06) catches up with Professor and Director Emeritus of the Intellectual Property Program John Witherspoon at a get-together for Intellectual Property Law Society members and alumni.

Former Law Review member Art Schmalz ('93) is flanked by second-year law students Kelsey Wilbanks (3L), 2013 winner of the Adrian S. Fisher Award for Best Student Note or Comment, and Martin Desjardins (3L), who was selected for the 2012 Arthur E. Schmalz Award for Best Write-On Competition Entry.

Eric Wiener ('90), a founding member of the Civil Rights Law Journal in 1990, chats with Jennifer McLaughlin ('13) at a reunion of the journal’s current and alumni members.

Above, a sign honors Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt for their sponsorship of the Intellectual Property Law Society reception.
SAVE THE DATE!

Alumni Weekend
October 4-6, 2013

School of Law Class Reunions will be held on October 5, 2013, at the School of Law in Arlington.

Alumni are encouraged to check out all the University events during the weekend of October 4-6.

The law school is hosting its own special reunion evening for all School of Law alumni on Saturday evening, October 5. A special invitation is extended to alums celebrating their landmark reunion years. The classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 are special guests for this year’s Alumni Weekend.

Watch your email, as well as the Alumni Services Events webpage, for details.

Members of various classes enjoyed the School of Law Class Reunions held in October 2012. Plan now to join the fun for the 2013 event!
Highlights from Our Faculty News

Professor Laurie Neff spoke at the 122nd Virginia Bar Association Summer Conference by invitation of the Virginia Veterans Task Force on “What You Need to Know When Helping Veterans: SRA, USERRA, and the Rest of the Alphabet Soup.”

Patrick Henry Professor of Law and the Second Amendment Joyce Lee Malcolm presented the Alpheus T. Mason Lecture on Constitutional Law and Political Thought: “The Quest for Freedom” as part of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.

Leslie M. Alden, Senior Lecturer in Law and retired Fairfax County, Virginia, Circuit Court judge, gave an address to judges from the Tibet Autonomous Region. The visiting judges, a group that included members of the High People’s Court, the Intermediate People’s Court, and members of the general trial courts, were guests of the International Judicial Academy, an international judicial education organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Professor Helen Alvaré was a panelist in an Albany Law School Journal of Science & Technology fall symposium, “From the Page to the Pill: Women’s Reproductive Rights and the Law.”

Professor Michael Krauss delivered a Bouton Law Lecture entitled “A Marine’s Honor: The Supreme Court from Snyder to Alarcon” at Princeton University through the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions.

Professor Ilya Somin addressed the assembled judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on “Kelo and its Aftermath,” discussing the Supreme Court’s property rights decision in Kelo v. City of New London and the massive political backlash and judicial reaction it generated.

Professor Helen Alvaré participated in a legal symposium sponsored by Americans United for Life (AUL) at the National Press Club to discuss how Roe v. Wade has shaped medicine, law, and culture in the past four decades and what the future might hold.

Professor Terrence Chorvat was a featured speaker at the Tulane Tax Roundtable, where he gave a presentation entitled “The Failure of the Facebook IPO and a Justification for Debt-Equity Tax Distinction,” based on a paper he is writing.

Professor Steven Eagle was a panelist at a free teleconference jointly sponsored by the ABA’s Section on Litigation’s Environmental Litigation Committee and the Condemnation, Zoning, and Land Use Committee.

Professor Eric Claeys testified at a hearing of the House Judiciary Committee Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee on the “REINS (Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Act: Promoting Jobs, Growth and American Competitiveness.”

On the same day, Professor Henry Butler appeared as a witness at a Capitol Hill hearing of the House Judiciary Committee Constitution and Civil Justice Subcommittee on “Excessive Litigation’s Impact on America’s Global Competitiveness.”

Professors Adam Mossoff and Eric Claeys participated in an academic roundtable on “Patented Inventions and Promoting Innovation” held in California. The roundtable represented the inaugural academic event held by Mason Law’s Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property (CPIP), for which Mossoff serves as Co-Director of Academic Programs and a Senior Scholar.

Professor D. Bruce Johnsen was a guest on Chicago’s WGN Radio 720’s Noon Show with Carol Roth to discuss “Insider Trading: Should it be Legal?”

George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law Todd Zywicki delivered a lecture entitled “The Not-So-Good-Old-Days of Consumer Credit: How to Think About Consumer Credit and Its Regulation” as part of George Mason University’s Vision Series.

PBSNewsHour aired a program featuring Patrick Henry Professor of Law and the Second Amendment Joyce Lee Malcolm in which she discussed “The Assault Weapons Ban as Understood by a 2nd Amendment Scholar.” Malcolm also appeared as a guest on a segment of PBS Need to Know for a roundtable discussion entitled “Debating the Second Amendment.”

Professor David Schleicher was a participant in the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) symposium for facility managers titled “Rethink the City,” which examined the evolving role cities play in human culture and how that impacts the role of facility management.
Professors Ross Davies and James Byrne spoke during panel discussions held at the American University Business Law Review Symposium, “Transactional Lawyering: Theory, Practice, & Pedagogy,” held in Washington, D.C.

Professor Jeremy Rabkin was a panelist at a cyber event entitled “Cyber Threats & The Economy: New Strategies to Secure Our Economy from Cyber Depredation” sponsored by the American Center for Democracy and hosted by the law school and its Center for Infrastructure & Homeland Security.

Professor Ilya Somin testified on Capitol Hill before a Senate Judiciary Committee subcommittee on “Drone Wars: The Constitutional and Counterterrorism Implications of Targeted Killings.” (See photo left.)

Professor Nathan Sales was a participant in a Washington College of Law discussion of “Drone Warfare in 2030: Examining the Future of Expanding Drone Use, the Precedent that May be Set, and Constitutional Implications Here and Abroad.”


Professor Michael Greve delivered a talk on “Our Colossal Debt Versus the Constitution.” The event was part of the Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business BB&T Speakers Series on Capitalism.

Of Particular Note

The Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg joined the George Mason law faculty as professor of law beginning in July 2013 while continuing to serve as senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Ginsburg is a leading authority on competition law and policy, administrative law, and law and economics.

Professor Nelson Lund was appointed by President Cabrera and the university’s Board of Visitors to the rank of University Professor in March. The rank of University Professor is reserved for faculty members of great national or international reputation. The criteria for such appointments include substantial research or scholarship or arts credentials, as appropriate to the discipline. Lund is widely recognized and frequently cited for his scholarship on the Second Amendment and other areas of constitutional law.

In March Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm was named the law school’s Patrick Henry Professor of Constitutional Law and the Second Amendment. Malcolm is an historian and constitutional scholar specializing in British and Colonial American History. She focuses on the development of individual rights and on war and society and has written extensively on the evolution of rights.

On January 1, 2013, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Professor Joshua Wright as a member of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), following his nomination by President Obama to that position. Wright is a professor of law at George Mason University School of Law and also holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Economics. He is on a leave of absence from the faculty while fulfilling his duties as a Commissioner.

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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A Message From Dean Polsby

The 2012–13 academic year ended strongly for the law school. We graduated the largest class in our history. Congratulations to those graduates, who join an alumni community of nearly 7,000. Alumni are the heart and soul of our program. Our newest graduates need our support and yours. The legal profession and academy, as you know, are passing through a period of challenge and change. Your contributions in time, job leads, and donations have been critical to the continued success of our program and are critical for those newest graduates who continue to seek permanent employment. When you donate, unless you specifically give other instructions, the funds go to some of our highest priorities: scholarship dollars to ease the tuition burden and stipends to support students and graduates in unpaid public service positions. Never has the competition for new students and entry-level employment been more intense. Never has your support been more appreciated.

This year the law school added a new, self-funded center that focuses on the protection of intellectual property rights. The Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property (CPIP) is resident in our law building, and it is attracting significant support from intellectual, academic, and business circles. The law school has a significant portion of its faculty whose scholarship focuses on property rights and intellectual property. Professor Adam Mossoff is the Co-Director of Academic Programs and a Senior Scholar in the Center. The CPIP already has hosted numerous roundtables and programs aimed at protecting intellectual property rights, and this September it will hold its First Annual Academic Conference on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights at the law school.

The incoming class we enrolled in August comes from a nationwide applicant pool. Though law school applications are at a nearly 30-year low nationally, George Mason continues to attract excellent students. With your help and additional scholarship dollars from the university, we’ll continue to be an attractive option for prospective law students.

As a result of the success of our outstanding graduates, George Mason remains a top choice in the legal market for value-conscious consumers of legal education. The continued success of the law school is by every measure a reflection of our alumni. Thank you for all you have done. We look forward to your continued support on behalf of our faculty, staff and students.

I hope to welcome you back home at George Mason in the coming year.

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A Message From the President
By Kyung (Kathryn) Dickerson ('99)
Past President, Law Alumni Association

I have occasionally wondered why the president’s column is included in the summer edition of Mason Law News. Perhaps it is because during the summer things tend to slow down, the days get longer, and we have more time to contemplate things. Perhaps for the president, it is the last “final exam” before the summer vacation may begin. Certainly it has become one of the traditions of Mason Law. Another tradition is the Alumni Association annual meeting, held this year at the American Tap Room on June 12. At our annual meeting, we thanked Frank Vlossak ('99), Bryan Haynes ('98), Christopher Soucie ('00), Tim Keeler ('06), and Jennifer Lattimore ('05) for their completed service on the Board. We also welcomed Angela France ('01), Tim Libutti ('09), Kristen Moran ('04), Jason Rabinovich ('09), and Karen Yankosky ('02) to the board. We eagerly anticipate being able to utilize their energy and fresh perspectives to continue to improve the Alumni Association.

Summer also brings with it thoughts of vacations and travel; however, you did not have to wait until the summer to travel. John Caulfield ('80) traveled to New York to join Kevin Shehan ('06) at our George Mason School of Law Alumni Happy Hour in New York City. The event was held at the Empire Room and hosted alumni from New York City and the surrounding area. On the incoming board, we have an alum from Philadelphia, and we hope to have an event in the City of Brotherly Love in the upcoming year. We also held our Annual Happy Hour in Richmond. Special thanks are owed to Jennifer Lattimore ('05), Bryan Haynes ('98), Bill LeDoux ('05), Jeremy Williams ('08), and Justin Ayars ('07) for spearheading the event.

The Judicial & Legislative Reception and numerous other events are only possible through the concerted efforts, patience, and diligence of Dana Fallon ('99), Director of Alumni Services, who deserves the gratitude of our alumni board (and a wonderful, all-expenses-paid vacation somewhere exotic, which sadly our board cannot give her). Alumni involvement this spring also included the opportunity to provide valuable feedback for the upcoming American Bar Association reaccreditation process. The standard 7-year renewal process begins with a self-study by the law school in which alumni are an important part. Several focus groups were held this spring and many alumni offered their time and opinions by taking part in these discussions.

For those alumni who have given back to the school this past year in time and in money—your law school thanks you, and I, as the president of the Alumni Association, thank you. Your generosity with your time and money has helped support the school as it aims to become one of the model legal educational programs in the country. Before almost any other law school in this country, our law school focused its curriculum on helping students develop the skills necessary for the practice of law. Before this current trendy movement toward ensuring that a law degree has quantifiable economic value, our law school ensured that our alumni were trained to read, write, and think like lawyers—not like law students.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in upcoming events, please feel free to contact our new president, Kate McSweeny ('04), or Dana Fallon ('99) at 703-993-9862 or dfallon@gmu.edu. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president, and I know that I leave this Alumni Association in the able stewardship of Kate McSweeny. I hope to see you around the law school and at various law school events. Happy summer, everyone!

With Kind Regards,

Kyung (Kathryn) Dickerson

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**LAW ALUMNI NEWS**

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

2010–2013

Zac Morgan (’12) is a full-time staff attorney at the Center for Competitive Politics.

Angela Diveley (’12), now at Freshfields Derringer Bruckhaus, is the author of a recently published article in *St. Thomas Law Review* about an important state action doctrine case, *FTC v. Phoebe Putney Health System, Inc.*, heard by the Supreme Court in March 2013.

Dan Wisniewski (’12) is an associate at Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC, a small law firm representing localities across Virginia in litigation, land use, and other matters of local government.

Chelsea Sizemore (’12) recently had a student note she published in the *George Mason Law Review* extensively cited in a Kansas court decision.

Matthew Roberts (’12) joined Bean, Kinney & Korman, PC, as an associate, practicing primarily in the areas of land use and zoning.

Brian Barnes (’11) and wife Blair are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Rose Barnes, in September 2012.

Kevin Daniel (’11) is an attorney at McGuireWoods in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

Sara Dajani (’10), associate attorney with Berenzweig Leonard LLP, is serving as counsel to Economic Growth DC, an advocacy organization focused on increasing the rate of economic growth in the D.C. economy.

Craig McPherson (’10) was elected to the Kansas 8th State Representative District in the November 2012 elections.

Scott Hazelgrove (LLM, ’10) was married to Madeleine Cross Green on June 9 in Winnetka, Illinois. Scott is an associate with Hunton and Williams in Washington, D.C.

Scott Wagner (’10) joined Ford & Harrison, LLP, in the firm’s Atlanta, Georgia, office as an associate in the employee benefits practice area.

2000–2009

Kevin Cornish (’09) joined Kraft Foods Group, Inc. as Director of U.S. Government Affairs and Policy. His lobbying responsibilities include international trade, meat and poultry, science and regulatory, environment and energy, and nutrition assistance programs.

Eric Steiner (’09) joined Kraft Foods Group, Inc. as Director of U.S. Government Affairs and Policy. His lobbying responsibilities include international trade, meat and poultry, science and regulatory, environment and energy, and nutrition assistance programs.

Timothy Murphy (’09) is an associate in Cantor Colburn’s Washington, D.C., office, where he concentrates his practice on patent prosecution in various aspects of chemical technologies and mechanical devices.

Sean Farrelly (’09) founded Farrelly PC, focusing on criminal law defense, in Washington, D.C.

Evan Clark (’09) and Natalie Sexsmith celebrated an August wedding. Evan is an attorney with Banner and Witcoff.

Jason Bohrer (’09), most recently chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, was named president and CEO of the Lignite Energy Council, a North Dakota-based industry group promoting the use of lignite coal for power generation.

Veronique Kherian (’09) started Kherian Law in San Francisco, California, where her practice focuses on trademark and copyright law, particularly in relation to the creative and food/beverage industries.

Joseph E. Bain (’09) has joined the firm of Thompson & Knight LLP in Houston, Texas, as an associate. He also has co-authored an article in the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* entitled “Fool Me Once: A Director and Officer’s Guide to Avoiding Mistakes of the Past” (Volume 22, Issue 1).

Maria Smedley (’08) was promoted to vice president of human resources for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Rex Flynn (’08) has founded his own law firm, The Flynn Law Firm, located in Arlington, Virginia. The firm’s focus is on criminal and family law.

Deeba Anvari (’08) has opened a firm, The Anvari Law Firm, PC, in Alexandria, Virginia, specializing in business and immigration law.

Annie Loomis (’07) and husband Greg are the proud parents of Nora Rose Loomis, born August 28, 2012. Nora joins big brother Jason, who is two.

Kevin Cornish (’07) has joined High Swartz LLP, a general practice law firm based in Norristown, Pennsylvania, as an associate. His practice is focused on commercial, civil, and contract and business litigation.

Kristina Moore (’07) is Chief Legislative Council and Senior Director for Legislative Affairs at the Automobile Dealers Association.

Mike Woods (’06) is a senior associate at Winston & Strawn LLP in Washington, D.C., where he specializes in patent litigation.

David Shotlander (’06), wife Jennifer, and big sister Sara welcomed Tracy Joy Shotlander, born on March 14, 2013.

Deborah Sterling, PhD (’06) was promoted to a director in the Biotechnology/Chemical Group at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.

Glen Sturtevant (’06) was elected to the school board of the
city of Richmond, Virginia. A litigation attorney at Spencer LLP, Glen and his wife, Lori, reside in Richmond with their two young sons.

Michael J. Lowell (’05) is a partner in the Global Regulatory Enforcement Group of Reed Smith.

Amy Lombardo (’05) joined Parsons Behle & Latimer as an associate in the litigation department of the firm’s Boise, Idaho, office.

Paul Nguyen-Ba (’05) is an associate in Cantor Colburn’s Alexandria, Virginia, office.

Aaron Frishman (’05) joined the Syracuse office of Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC. He serves clients in the areas of estate and tax planning, business succession planning, probate, and elder law and public benefits matters.

Daniel Fisher (’05) is vice president of legislative affairs for the Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA) and senior legislative associate for the law firm of Obadal, Filler, MacLeod and Klein.

S. Brendan Lynch (’05) with Lowndes, Drosick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA., has been appointed to the Teen Court Advisory Board, a nonprofit organization that raises funds to provide financial assistance for the higher education of Orange County’s Teen Court volunteers. Lynch has been a volunteer judge and jury advisor with Orange County Teen Court for the last three years.

Chad Calvert (’05) is a Director of Government and Public Affairs for BP America, Inc., in Denver, Colorado.

M. Devlin Cooper (’05) is a partner at Sell & Melton LLP where he has practiced law with a focus on business litigation, condemnation/eminent domain and real estate since 2008.

Michael C. May (’04) was named by Virginia Business Magazine as being among Virginia’s “Legal Elite” in the area of Criminal Law in the December 2012 issue.

Mark E. Schmidt (’04) recently joined von Briesen & Roper, s.c. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation.

Suzzette Hurley DeMers (’04) and Chris DeMers (’04) joyfully announce the birth of their second child and first son, Franklin John Edward, on August 12.

William Olien (’04) has founded the criminal defense firm of William C. Olien Law, PLLC in Winchester, Virginia.

Jacob Manning (’04) was named partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP where he works in the Wheeling, West Virginia, office.

Mark Willis (’04) assumed his role as National Committeeman for the Maine Republican Party on August 31, 2012. He will serve as a member of the RNC for 4 years and is an automatic delegate to the 2016 GOP Convention.

Jennifer Harper (’04) has joined Bean, Kinney & Korman, P.C. as a shareholder. Her practice is focused on employment law.

Allyson Kitchel (’04), husband David, and son Jackson welcomed newborn twin boys, Isaac and Graham, on October 7.

Jon Burd (’04) is a partner at Wiley Rein after having been an associate in the government contracts practice. He has worked as an adjunct professor at the School of Law and as a law clerk for Federal Claims Court Judge Lawrence J. Block.

Leah McCormick Howard (’04) of Alexandria, Virginia, was named director of government relations and advocacy for the National Psoriasis Foundation, where she oversees all advocacy, government relations, legislative affairs, and policy initiatives for the organization.

Brett Nelson (’04) is a partner in the law firm Lee and Hayes, PLLC.

Brian R. Biggie (’03) was named special counsel to Goldberg Segalla in its Buffalo, New York, office.

Lewis Conner (’03) with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP of Roanoke, Virginia, was named to Best Lawyers for 2013 in the areas of corporate compliance law and corporate governance law.

Greg Gledhill (’03), wife Camille, and their four children live in Redondo Beach, California, where Greg is in-house counsel in the Infrastructure Group of Kiewit, a large construction company that builds projects all over North America and Australia.

Virginia Benner (’03) is doing Fee for Service Real Estate with Smith Adams LLC in McLean, Virginia, where buyers engage her to draft, negotiate, and prepare the offer, allowing buyers to get the buyer’s agent commission and sellers to list at a discount.

George “David” Banks (’03) is the new deputy director of the program on nuclear-energy policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Jason Cody (’03) accepted an in-house trademark/copyright position at Apple, necessitating a move to the Bay Area.

Skipp Galythly (’03) was appointed Secretary of the NRA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity. He also continues to serve as NRA Assistant General Counsel.

Kimberly Burnham Sliksi (’03) (formerly Kimberly Vander Haar) married Scott Sliksi in September 2012 and moved from her civil litigation associate position at a local law firm to become the Program Director at the Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee Foundation in February 2013. The ARP Foundation is a friends of the forest non-profit supporting national forests in Colorado.

Jacob and Sarah Wolf (both ’03) welcomed baby Evelyn Margaret on March 31, 2013. Evelyn Margaret joins big sister Margaret on March 31, 2013. Evelyn Margaret joins big sister Eleanor Marie. Sarah is still at the Army’s JAG School in Charlottesville, Virginia, but will be joining Jacob at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, in June.

Jeff Thiebert (’03) recently joined the Pew Charitable Trusts, where he is a manager with Pew’s States Fiscal Health and Economic Growth project.

David Brooks (’02) is an administrative judge with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board in Denver, Colorado. He lives in Lakewood, Colorado, with his wife and newborn daughter, Nancy.

Jennifer Atkins (’02) joined Cloudigy Law PLLC, a McLean, Virginia-based firm, in its litigation practice.

Andrew Cabana (’02) founded the Law Office of Andrew Cabana PC located in the Washington, D.C. area. He represents clients in employment-related litigation and appeals. He was recognized recently by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in the field of Employment Litigation: Defense.

David Endersbee (’02) is a partner in the law firm of Zuckerberg, Scuott and Rasenberger LLP, Washington, D.C. The firm
specializes in aviation, administrative law, transportation security, foreign and domestic airlines, foreign governments, airports and manufacturers. He lives in Manassas, Virginia, with his wife, Julie, and their two daughters.

Angelo Amador ('02) is vice president of labor and workforce policy with the National Restaurant Association. He advocates on behalf of the National Restaurant Association and its members before the U.S. Congress and the executive branch.

John F. Williams III ('02) was named a shareholder at Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman. He concentrates his practice in litigation and risk management.

Anthony Demangone ('02) was promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. Demangone had been senior vice president and COO.

Jenn Robinson ('02) was selected to receive George Mason University’s Outstanding Achievement Award, which was presented in fall 2012.

Karin Riley Porter ('02), a criminal defense attorney with Price Benowitz LLC, has achieved a Superb 10 out of 10 rating with AVVO. Husband Bryan Porter ('01), an assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney in Alexandria, Virginia, won the 2013 Von Schuch Award, which is given yearly to Virginia’s most distinguished assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney by the Virginia Association of Commonwealth’s Attorneys. He is running for election in November to fill the position of Commonwealth’s Attorney subsequent to the announced retirement of the present office holder.

Dana Duffy ('01) is chief financial officer of Invincea, an Internet threat detection, network breach prevention, and pre-breach forensic intelligence company based in Fairfax, Virginia.

John Cochran ('01) joined Bose Public Affairs Group LLC as a senior public affairs consultant in the firm’s Indianapolis headquarters.

Cara Putman ('01) is a contract term lecturer in law at Purdue University’s Krannert School of Management. She is also the author of 16 novels and The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Business Law. She lives in Indiana with her husband and 4 children.

Jennifer Sarvadi ('01) has opened her own firm, Sarvadi Law, PLLC in Haymarket, Virginia.

Janet Eichers ('00) is the Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS, Inc.

Reasearch by Jonathan Adler ('00) and Mason Law Professor Nathan Sales was cited in Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts’ dissenting opinion in City of Arlington v. FCC. Adler is Johan Verheij Memorial Professor of Law and director of Case Western Reserve University Law School’s Center for Business Law and Regulation.

Steven Arnold ('00) has joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP as a partner in the Financial Services and Banking Practice and based in the firm’s Orange County, California, office.

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Jay Thweatt ('99) was elected partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chris Nolen ('99), Senior Vice President of National and Multistate Strategies for McGuireWoods Consulting and partner in McGuireWoods, LLP, was appointed to the Virginia Code Commission.

Richard D. Kelley ('99) joined the firm Bean, Kinney & Korman as a shareholder. His focus is on complex civil litigation, primarily in the areas of business and construction litigation.

Braden Ritchie ('99) was named deputy chief of staff and chief counsel to the House Judiciary Committee by the Committee’s incoming chairman, Sixth District Representative Bob Goodlatte.

James Earl Wiser ('99) and wife Carrie Rae welcomed a son, Thaddeus Monroe Wiser, on March 24, 2012. The family resides in Suffolk, Virginia, where James serves as the Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney.

Jeffrey Gore ('99) of Hefty & Wiley was named temporary county attorney for King George County, Virginia, serving until the Board of Supervisors selects a full-time candidate for the position.

Dawn-Marie Bey ('99) started a boutique patent law firm, Bey & Cotropia PLLC, along with her husband, law professor Chris Cotropia.

Jonathan Marashlian ('98), managing partner at Marashlian & Donahue, LLC, The CommLaw Group, was selected as winner of the 2013 Lexology/International Law Office (ILO) Client Choice Awards for Telecommunications Law in the U.S. and Canada, with Marashlian named overall winner of the USA Telecommunications Law category. The firm was also named Leading Customer Service Law Firm of the Year in the U.S. by ACQ Global Awards.

Kirsten L. Vignec ('97), presented a program on 401 K plan administration at the 2012 Association of Legal Administrators Region Two Conference in Tampa, Florida, in September.

Paula Witt ('96) was promoted to Director of Legislative and Regulatory Information at the American Council of Life Insurers in Washington, D.C.

Brian Kinnear ('96) joined the law firm of Perkins Coie in March 2013.

The Hon. Rondelle D. Herman ('96), judge for the Henrico Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, was named an “Influential Woman of Virginia” by Virginia Lawyers Media.

Kellye Curtis Clarke ('95) has joined Hometown Title and Escrow, LLC, as partner and branch manager of the Alexandria, Virginia, office.

Alfred Jackson ('95), a longtime health care lobbyist, has joined the Washington office of Boston-based O’Neill and Associates as a senior vice president.

John Shanahan ('95) joined the National Association of Chemical Distributors as vice president for legislative affairs.

Karin Moore ('95) was appointed vice president and general counsel of the Grocery Manufacturers Association.

David A. Oblon ('94) was named by Virginia Business Magazine as being among Virginia’s “Legal Elite” in the area of Criminal Law in the December 2012 issue. In addition, he was named by Northern Virginia Magazine as one the area’s “Top Lawyers” in the area of Criminal Law.

William J.T. Strahan ('94) is Comcast’s executive vice president for human resources.
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William Belanger (’94) of Pepper Hamilton LLP was named by Massachusetts Super Lawyers magazine to the top attorneys in the state list. He is a partner and serves as co-chair of Pepper Hamilton’s Intellectual Property Department.

Bonnie H. Hoffman (’94) was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She serves as Deputy Public Defender in the 20th Judicial Circuit, Leesburg, Virginia.

Robert A. Levy (’94), chairman of the board of directors at the Cato Institute, will serve as a board member of Advizent’s Independent Board of Standards, which is charged with developing a concise set of Standards of Excellence for all advisors providing investment advice.

The Hon. Kathleen Casey (’93) was appointed to the Penn State Board of Trustees in May 2013. She currently serves as a senior adviser for Patomak Global Partners.

K. Brett Marston (’93) with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP of Roanoke, Virginia, was named to Best Lawyers for 2013 in the areas of construction law and construction litigation.

Timothy Brunick (’93) with Clarke, Dolp, Rapaport, Hull & Brunick, was named in the 2012 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers.

The Hon. Johnny Kumar (’93) became an administrative patent judge at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in March 2012. (Note: This is a correction to a previous post that listed the incorrect graduation year.)

Mark S. Shepard (’92) co-founded the Richmond-area law firm of Roberson, Shepard & Turner, PLC. The firm’s focus is on wills, trusts, and estate matters, with an emphasis on estate, gift, generation-skipping, and fiduciary income taxation.

Charles “Cully” Stimson (’92), a senior legal fellow at The Heritage Foundation since 2007, became manager of the National Security Law Program in Heritage’s Davis Institute for International Studies in April 2013 after serving as Heritage’s chief of staff for a year.

Hal Scoggins (’91) was elected president of the Portland law firm Farleigh Wada Witt.

The Hon. William E. Jarvis (’91) was invested as a District Court judge in Prince William County, Virginia, in October.

Thomas deButts (’91) is an expert in trade controls and a partner in DLA Piper’s Washington, D.C., office. He is the great-great-great-grandson of John Marshall, the fourth chief justice of the Supreme Court, and serves as president of Friends of the Hollow, a non-profit dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Marshall’s Markham, Virginia, home.

Katie Monroe (’90) serves as Washington, D.C.-based senior advocate for national partnerships for the New York-based Innocence Project.

Susan Harte (’90) joined CBRE Group, Inc.’s Economic Incentives Group (EIG) in Midtown Manhattan as Director of Location Incentives for the New York Tri-State Region.

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Mary Dunn (’89), Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of the Credit Union National Association, was singled out as one of the “Women to Watch 2012” by Credit Union Times.

Kelly McNamara Corley (’89), executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Discover Financial Services, was appointed to the university’s Board of Visitors.

Gregory McClinton (’89), senior trial attorney for the EEOC, obtained a jury award of $20 million in a sexual harassment case in Tampa, Florida, in April 2013.

The Hon. Karen M. Hastings (’88) is an administrative patent judge at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Martha O’Keefe (’88) received the Patricia Lacey Metzger Distinguished Achievement Award during the 19th Annual Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women at the University of Mary Washington.

Jennifer Brust (’88) a shareholder in Bean, Kinney & Korman, is a substitute judge for the 17th Judicial District in Arlington, Virginia. Recently she was named an “Influential Woman of Virginia” by Virginia Lawyers Media, as well as being selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for her work in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights, as well as insolvency and reorganization law.

The Hon. Michael R. Fleming (’86), former chief administrative patent judge of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, has joined Miles & Stockbridge’s Intellectual Property Practice Group in its Tysons Corner office.

Susan J. Kraeger (’85) was the recipient of the 2011 Honorable Michael F. Dillon Attorneys for Children Award for her outstanding advocacy on behalf of children. The award was presented by the Office of Attorneys for Children Advisory Committee of the New York Supreme Court.

Jan Proctor (’85) has been appointed Chesapeake, Virginia, city attorney.

Holly Kozlowski (’84) with Porter Wright was recognized as a leading lawyer in the area of intellectual property by Chambers USA.

Michael Coster (’83) won election to the White Pine County Commission in Nevada for a term that began in January 2013.

John Bode (’83) became president and CEO of The Corn Refiners Association in May 2013.

Anne Ladof (’82) finished a masters degree in clinical psychology and divides her time between a practice in addictions and work with Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, a service of the Pennsylvania Bar helping lawyers who deal with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Charles Sara (’81) of DeWitt Ross & Stevens S.C. has been named a Wisconsin “IP Star” for 2013 by Managing Intellectual Property. Sara is chair of the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice Group in Madison. Earlier in 2013, he was also recognized as a Top-Rated Lawyer in Intellectual Property by American Lawyer Media and Martindale Hubbell.

William Gust (’81) with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP of Roanoke, Virginia, was named to Best Lawyers for 2013 in the areas of employee benefits (ERISA) law and tax law.

The Hon. Thomas Bateman (’81) reports that since retiring from the judiciary in January 2009, he is mediating and arbitrating full-time, providing support to the litigators in the firm, Messer Caparello, PA, and doing some appellate work, as well. In addition, he serves as chair of the Florida Bar Civil Procedure Rules Committee for 2013–14.

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Mary Ellen Bateman (’80) is working in her 31st year at the Florida Bar. Currently, she is the Division Director over Attorney Ethics, Advertising, Client Security Fund, Unlicensed Practice of Law and Special Projects.

John T. Caulfield (’80) of Alexandria, Virginia, has become a National Association of Corporate Directors Governance Fellow, the highest level of credentialing for corporate directors and corporate governance professionals. John currently serves as a director on the boards of the Wright Patman Congressional Federal Credit Union, serving the U.S House of Representatives, as well as the George Mason School of Law Alumni Association.


The Hon. Richard Gardiner (’78) was elected by the Virginia General Assembly to a six-year term as a new Fairfax County General District Court judge for a term beginning July 1. He was sworn in by retired Circuit Court Judge Stanley P. Klein.

Samuel Littlerpage (’77) with Dickinson Wright PLLC was named a Washington D.C. Super Lawyer for Intellectual Property. He focuses his practice in the areas of intellectual property, trademark/copyright litigation, technology licensing and transfers, and trademarks.

Denyse Sabagh (’77) with Duane Morris LLP was cited for excellence in the area of immigration law in the Chambers USA survey of the legal profession.

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.

Erika L. Byrd (’96)
Phil Powers (’87)
Gerald S. Endler (’85)
James E. Lewis (’84)
Donald Mela (’84)
Peter Leveroni (’81)
Edward A. Reilly (’81)
Lynn J. Johnson (’80)
Thomas J. Malinowski (’80)
Duncan Packer (’80)
Samuel G. Russell (’80)
Lawrence Mawn (’77)