GMU School of Law Welcomes New Professors

This year the School of Law welcomes several esteemed professors to the full-time faculty. After having served as outstanding visiting professors at the law school, Wesley Liebeler (Antitrust Law) and Ronald Rotunda (Constitutional Law) will start the academic year as full-time George Mason professors. New arrivals to the full-time faculty include: Amitai Aviram (Antitrust Policy Seminar), Michelle Boardman (Contracts), Elizabeth Chorvat (Income Tax), and Ross Davies (Contracts), who brings with him The Green Bag, An Entertaining Journal of Law, Donald Kochan (Property), Eugene Kontorovich (Civil Procedure), and Henry Span (Property).

Distinguished visiting professors for the 2002-2003 year include: Edward Warren from Kirkland & Ellis (Environmental & Natural Resources Law and Administrative Law), Hans-Bernd Schaefer (European Constitution Seminar), and Gerrit De Geest (Comparative Contract Law and Contract Drafting - Economic & Strategic Aspects).

Professor Larry E. Ribstein Heads West

George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law Larry E. Ribstein has decided to leave the School of Law for a position in the Midwest. As of June 2002, Professor Ribstein is now the Richard & Marie Corman Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law, located in Champaign, Illinois.

Professor Ribstein has been at the School of Law since 1987 and has long been the coordinator of the Corporate and Securities Law Track. At the law school, Professor Ribstein taught numerous courses but is probably best remembered for his instruction of Business Associations, Securities Law and Regulation, and Unincorporated Businesses. In his last semester, Professor Ribstein taught Unincorporated Businesses and a seminar on Problems in Corporate Law.

Rodney Turner ('93) first came to know Professor Ribstein as a “demanding teacher” and learned “to appreciate the demands” that Professor Ribstein placed upon him. Rodney mentions that he “sought out and valued his advice and counsel.”

Larry Ribstein received his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University in 1968 and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1972. Upon graduating from law school, he practiced for three years in general litigation with McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago. In 1975, Professor Ribstein started his stellar career in academia as an assistant professor of law at Mercer University Law School in Macon, Georgia. He left Mercer after having become a tenured professor to join the faculty at George Mason.

In 1998, Professor Ribstein became the co-editor of the Supreme Court Economic Review and will continue in that role as he moves to Illinois.

Professor Ribstein’s casebooks, Business Associations (co-written with Peter Letsou) and Unincorporated Business Entities are used in law schools throughout the country. He is also the co-author of leading multi-volume treatises on partnership law (Bromberg and Ribstein on Partnership) and limited liability companies (Ribstein & Keatinge on Limited Liability Companies), as well as numerous scholarly articles.

The George Mason community wishes the Ribsteins all the best in their new city. If you would like to catch up with Professor Ribstein, you can contact him at ribstein@law.uiuc.edu.
From the President:
Recent Successes Will Springboard Us Toward Greater Triumphs

by Rodney Turner, ’93

As many of you are aware, the George Mason University School of Law Alumni Association has had a successful year, and like any other successful organization, our success is attributable to the people behind it. That’s you. We realize, however, that despite our recent success, the Alumni Association has yet to reach its potential. And we can only reach our full potential with your continued participation in, and contributions to, the Alumni Association. So as we look back upon the successes of this past year, we also look forward to achieving greater accomplishments in the future.

This past fall, the Alumni Association organized and sponsored, with the School of Law, two very successful events: The Third Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament and the first formal Law School Alumni Reunion. On October 20, 2002, the Alumni Association held our most successful Golf Tournament to date. A record number of participants came out to support the Alumni Association, enjoy a day of golf, and most importantly, raise scholarship money for students. The Golf Tournament has grown more successful every year, and we are currently planning to ensure that the upcoming tournament this Fall will be our most successful yet. Please mark down Saturday, September 21, 2002, on your calendar and make plans to come out and join us.

Approximately one month later, on the evening of November 17, the Alumni Association and the law school co-hosted the first formal Alumni Reunion. The reunion, a celebration of the graduating Classes of 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001, was attended by more than two hundred alumni, faculty, and friends. In addition to providing an opportunity for the alumni to reminisce and renew friendships, the reunion served as a great venue to recognize the distinguished achievements of a number of our fellow alumni. This coming November, the Alumni Association will co-host with the law school the Second Annual Alumni Reunion. This year, the reunion theme is “From ISL to Tier One, Thirty Years of Achievement” and will honor the Classes of 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. If you are a member of any of those graduating classes, you should make plans to attend. And if you are not, you should still plan to join us. You will have an enjoyable time.

As Spring approached, the Alumni Association returned its attention to the students. As we have over the last several years, the Alumni Association sought out students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and dedication to the law school community. This year the Law Alumni Association selected two very deserving students: Catherine Sevcenko, a rising fourth-year evening student, was awarded the Dean Engle Memorial Scholarship in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, and Sunjeet Randhawa, a rising third-year day student, was awarded the GMU School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship in recognition of his contributions to the law school community. Like a number of their predecessors, we anticipate that Catherine and Sunjeet will become active members in the Alumni Association. While we are pleased that we can award these scholarships, we know that we can do more. With your assistance, the Alumni Association can increase the dollar value of the scholarships as well as the number of scholarships offered to students.

On April 18, 2002, the Law Alumni Association sponsored a Happy Hour in Richmond. With this event, we sought to energize the Richmond area alumni to network with one another and become more active in the Alumni Association. Judging from the enthusiasm expressed by those in attendance, we expect that in the not-to-distant future the Richmond area alumni will become a potent force within the Alumni Association. If you count yourself among the Richmond area alumni and you are interested in becoming more active in the Alumni Association, join your fellow Richmond alumni in their efforts. If you live elsewhere in the Commonwealth, you should expect to hear from us soon regarding efforts to energize the alumni in your area.

I have not recounted the Alumni Association’s success in a vain attempt to simply tout our past accomplishments. No. I do so to point out how successful and effective this organization — our organization — has become and will continue to be with your participation, energy, and support.

Let me close by saying that I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as President of our Alumni Association. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you at the alumni events this year. I have also enjoyed working with the talented women and men who make up our Alumni Association’s Board of Directors. Their hard work and dedication should make all of us proud to count them among our fellow alumni. With their continued efforts and your continued support, the Alumni Association will, indeed, achieve greater triumphs.

For more information regarding the upcoming events or the Alumni Association, please contact the Career Development and Alumni Services Office at (703) 993-8020 or visit our web page www.law.gmu.edu/alumni/.
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Fifth Judicial & Legislative

The Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception has become one of the events of the spring. This year’s reception saw nearly 300 attendees.

Attendees of the Fifth Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception were honored with a record number of jurists and legislators. The crowd was also greeted and addressed by The Honorable Claude M. Hilton, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Dean Mark Grady welcomes Judge Claude Hilton, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
Annual Reception: A Huge Success

This year, three of Virginia’s renowned wineries were on hand to share their award-winning products. The wineries represented were Chrysalis Vineyards, Barboursville Winery, and Rockbridge Vineyard.

If you have not yet been to a JLR, please plan to join the fun in May 2003. The Law Alumni Association is proud to bring this much anticipated event to fellow alumni and the Northern Virginia area as a whole.

Judge Hilton addresses attendees of the 5th Annual Judicial & Legislative Reception.
More School of Law Graduates join the Ranks of Virginia Attorneys

June saw the addition of over 35 George Mason attorneys to the Virginia roster. And, as has become the tradition for recent alumni, those sworn-in on June 4, 2002, gathered with friends and family at the breakfast reception hosted by the School of Law at the Richmond Marriott. Congratulations to all!

Law Alumni Association Awards Scholarships

Each year, the School of Law Alumni Association awards two scholarships to two deserving law school students. The Dean Charles Engle Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who exhibits exceptional academic achievement and dedication to the law. The George Mason University School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who exhibits dedication to the School of Law community through organizational participation and leadership.

This year, Catherine Sevcenko, a rising fourth-year evening student, was awarded The Dean Charles Engle Memorial Scholarship and Sunjeet Randhawa, a rising third-year student, was awarded The George Mason University School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship.

Catherine has been successful in merging her law school activities into her full-time work schedule. Currently a summer associate at Steptoe & Johnson, Catherine has been a Writing Fellow in the legal writing program and a research assistant to two law professors. She was graduated from Yale University magna cum laude and earned her master’s of law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Upon graduation, Catherine will clerk for Judge Danny Boggs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.

Sunjeet has immersed himself in his studies and the School of Law community. Sunjeet was recently elected the Student Bar Association President for the 2002-2003 year. In addition, he is a member of the Moot Court Board, the George Mason Inn of Court, and the School of Law tutoring program, and is an Articles Editor of the Federal Circuit Bar Journal. This summer, Sunjeet is a summer associate at McCandlish & Lillard in Fairfax, VA.

If you would like to support future scholarships, please contact Jack Wertzberger, School of Law Director of Development, at (703) 993-8275 or jwertzb@gmu.edu.
May marked the launching of the law school’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Project (CIPP). Under the leadership of Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Va), Congress appropriated $6.5 million for the project, on which the law school’s Tech Center and James Madison University will collaborate.

The task for CIPP: to find flexible solutions that enable the private sector and government to respond to cyberattacks and technological advances. As computers now essentially control the nation’s critical infrastructure -- including banking systems, power grids, and air-traffic control -- leaders throughout business, government, military and academic communities grapple with countless technological and non-technological impediments to managing cyber-related risks. “Many of these impediments,” says CIPP Executive Director John McCarthy, “involve intricate questions of law, policy, and business processes and their relationship to technological applications. Some examples include tort liability, information sharing among competitors for security purposes, and exchange of information between business and government to improve cooperation for managing national security risks.”

To assist in generating real solutions to cyber management issues, the CIPP’s four program elements will include providing education and outreach, serving as a repository of expertise for government and industry, sponsoring research, and developing special programs. For more information about the CIPP, visit http://techcenter.gmu.edu/programs/cipp.html.

Another One of Our Own Fighting the War on Terrorism...

Kurt Ferstl (’99), an associate with the Washington office of Reed Smith LLP, has been called up for active duty and is a special operations leader stationed in Afghanistan. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kurt and his family, and all members of our Mason family who are in harm's way around the world. Thank you for your service.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected* Members of the 2002-2003 School of Law Alumni Board

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Save the Date!
Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
September 21

http://www.law.gmu.edu/alumni/association.html
Congratulations to George Mason’s own Miss Virginia!

Jennifer Pitts, who just completed her second year, has won the title of Miss Virginia and will represent the Commonwealth in the 2002 Miss America Pageant on Saturday, September 21, 2002.

Best of luck, Jennifer!

Second Annual Law Alumni Reunion

“George Mason University School of Law: From ISL to Tier One, Thirty Years of Achievement”

Saturday, November 16, 2002
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Dean Ralph Norvell
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Best awards and souvenirs ever!

Saturday, September 21, 2002
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8 a.m. Shotgun Start

More details will follow soon!

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