CENTENNIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
This is a proud time to be an alumnus of the Duquesne University School of Law. The Centennial celebration reached a crescendo this fall, with the keynote address by the most senior jurist on the United States Supreme Court, Justice Antonin Scalia. Nearly 1,300 alumni, dignitaries and guests packed the A.J. Palumbo Center for this two-hour Centennial program that exceeded even our most ambitious expectations. Not only did Justice Scalia deliver a thought-provoking address about the significance of Catholic legal education today, but he also sat on a panel with three former law clerks to reminisce about his 25 years on the nation’s highest court; watched appreciatively as the lights dimmed for a 20-minute film about his career in public service; stood on stage with the family of Judge Carol Los Mansmann, L'67, to accept an award in her memory; and applauded enthusiastically as musicians from the Mary Pappert School of Music displayed their world-class talent with an incredible rendition of his favorite opera pieces.

The Centennial Gala that evening was equally spectacular. The Student Union Ballroom was transformed into a stunningly beautiful venue (see the pictorial essay on pages 20-28). More than 250 alumni and guests attended, with their ticket purchases contributing over $30,000 to the Law Alumni scholarship fund for our students. Many of those in attendance told me it was one of the most memorable Law School gatherings in our history. Attendees included Justice Scalia; Cardinal Adam Maida, L'64; Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik; President Charles Dougherty and Judge Sandra Dougherty; Chancellor John E. Murray Jr. and Marjorie Smuts; and a who’s who of prominent Law School alumni, faculty members and guests. One alumna, Gail Balph Gordon, L’03, made a special Centennial contribution by establishing a scholarship honoring former associate dean and long-time professor Raymond Sekula, L’65. Professor Sekula gave moving remarks at the Gala—simultaneously accepting an award from the Law Alumni Association presented by its president, the Hon. Michael McCarthy, L’84—and thanked decades’ worth of students and alumni for making Duquesne Law School the most rewarding place a law professor could ever be privileged to serve.

Our Centennial celebration did not end there. We gathered together in October in the Power Center to honor 100 Years of Women at Duquesne Law School, with a keynote address by Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly, L’75. Attorney General Kelly’s inspiring remarks were followed by U.S. Steel Chief Financial Officer Gretchen Haggerty, L’80, who attended the Law School’s Evening Division while beginning her career at U.S. Steel; and Elizabeth Bailey, L’47, our oldest alumna at age 91, and the oldest practicing lawyer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This remarkable event concluded with the presentation of a second Carol Los Mansmann Award for Distinguished Public Service to Judge Donetta Ambrose, L’70, the first female chief judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and a person—in the words of Judge Joy Conti, L’73, who introduced the honoree—who embodies all of the remarkable qualities that made Judge Carol Mansmann a role model for thousands of lawyers and judges.

This has truly been a year to remember. Indeed, it has been a century to remember, with Duquesne University School of Law serving as a leader within the legal profession, the community and the region for the past hundred years. This is not an accident, as I told a group of fellow law school deans recently at a conference in San Diego. All of this success has been possible because Duquesne Law School has the most talented, dedicated, generous and forward-thinking alumni that an institution of higher education could ever hope to assemble under one banner.

As we reach the conclusion of an exciting Centennial year, I can assure you that, built upon this sturdy foundation, the best is yet to come.

Laura and I wish you and your families a wonderful, blessed New Year.

Ken Gormley
To order copies of our beautiful 100-page, full-color commemorative Centennial book, *One Hundred Years of Excellence*, please contact the Law Alumni office at 412.396.5215 or lawalumni@duq.edu.

Price: $25

Proceeds will benefit Law School projects
Duquesne University School of Law welcomed three new faculty members during the fall. While two of the professors—Jane Campbell Moriarty and Michael Granne—are new to campus, one—Tracey McCants Lewis—is a very familiar face.

Carrying Forth a Legacy

Being the first to hold the Carol Los Mansmann Chair in Faculty Scholarship has given Jane Campbell Moriarty more than just a sense of professional pride.

The role has significant personal meaning as well. “I knew Judge Mansmann and am so honored to have a chair in her name,” Moriarty says of the trailblazing federal Court of Appeals judge and Duquesne alum who died in 2002, when she was just 59.

“The judge was a tremendous role model and supporter of women lawyers,” Moriarty says. “She was such a fine jurist and wonderful human being.”

Dean Ken Gormley is thrilled that Moriarty has joined the faculty and that she already is playing a lead role as an associate dean for Faculty Scholarship and as the first Carol Los Mansmann Chair-holder.

“I spoke to Carol Mansmann’s family before naming the chair in her honor, and they were deeply touched,” Gormley says. “Carol’s husband, Jerry, told me that there were few honors that would have been more meaningful to Carol than establishing a chair in her name, particularly one that focused on developing the scholarship of fellow faculty members. Carol was a world-class teacher and mentor.

“Already, Associate Dean Moriarty is bringing out the extraordinary talents of our faculty and allowing the Law School to shine more than ever,” Gormley continues. “Her enthusiasm is contagious. We are all very fortunate that she has decided to make Duquesne Law School her professional home.”

In occupying the Mansmann Chair, Moriarty’s principal task is to enhance the faculty’s scholarship.

“My job is to help the faculty in their scholarly endeavors,” says Moriarty, a New England native who received her law degree from Boston College. “We have begun an ambitious program of colloquium speakers and symposium events and are encouraging
our faculty to speak at conferences and network with other scholars in their fields.”

In addition, Moriarty is making a concerted effort to have the work being done at Duquesne more widely recognized.

“We are working toward greater visibility of our scholarship. With the help of our very talented librarians, we are posting our work on interdisciplinary and international databases and are posting our scholarship to faculty web pages. We are hopeful that Duquesne will become better recognized among academics, courts and practitioners for the fine scholarship the faculty is producing,” she says.

Moriarty established a reputation for leading-edge work at the University of Akron, where she was named the law school’s professor of the year in 2002 and scholar of the year in 2011.

Moriarty was excited about the opportunity to join Duquesne, given her long familiarity with the Law School. She served as an adjunct professor of research and writing at the Law School earlier in her career and, more recently, consulted for the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law—work that tapped her expertise in the area of evidence.

“My scholarship is about expert evidence and legal ethics,” Moriarty says. “And much of it centers on forensic science, neuroscience and behavioral science, primarily in the area of criminal law. I am currently working on a book about the relationship between scientific evidence, legal ethics and wrongful convictions, pulling together several of my areas of interest.”

She describes a symbiotic relationship between her scholarship and her teaching.

“My scholarship informs my teaching, and my teaching informs my scholarship,” says Moriarty, whose classes include Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and Scientific and Expert Evidence.

“For me, being a scholar makes me a better teacher,” she says. She credits former students with helping shape first and second editions of her casebook, *Scientific and Expert Evidence*, which she co-authored with Professor John Conley from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

“The students’ thoughts and comments really affected the way we constructed the book,” she says.

Moriarty says that Duquesne is reminiscent of another special place in her life—Boston College, where she attended as both an undergrad and a law student.

“One of the things I love about Duquesne is how incredibly polite and friendly people are here. And that was very true at Boston College. There’s an old-world courtesy in daily life here that creates a real feeling of belonging to a community. That is a real gift in one’s professional life,” she says.

**A World of Possibilities**

Assistant Professor Michael Granne is a New York City native who has lived in locales as varied as Durham, N.C., Bologna, Italy, and an island nation 400 miles off the west coast of Africa. So how did he end up at Duquesne?

“I really like the plan for this school, the direction that Dean Gormley has planned,” he says.

“And I was really charmed by Pittsburgh.”

Granne’s research interests center on the use of international law in the United States and the procedural mechanisms that govern litigation with foreign parties. A 2002 graduate of Columbia Law School, he says his affinity for the subject began with an interest in all things international and matured with a class he took at Columbia—Transnational Litigation and Arbitration. That class “was the inspiration for the class I’m now teaching,” he says.

Granne also cites a stint in the Peace Corps—during which he spent time in the Republic of Cape Verde—as an influential experience.
“From spending so much time with people from different places, I’ve learned that there’s no one way to do things. There are a lot of different ways to do things. We’ve made choices in the United States to do things one way. In order to understand why the United States is the way it is, we need to have an understanding of why other countries do things the way they do.”

Granne—who received an undergraduate degree from Duke and also studied at Oxford and the University of Bologna—also teaches Civil Procedure, International Criminal Law and International Business Transactions.

“I try to use different approaches in the various classes that I teach. Different-sized courses require different styles, and the level of the course also mandates different emphases. I try to focus a lot on how to think like a lawyer, inductively and deductively, for 1Ls, while with more advanced students I spend time discussing ‘How do lawyers do this in practice? How do you argue a point before a judge?’”

Before coming to Pittsburgh, Granne spent several years in practice and was a visiting assistant professor at Seton Hall and Hofstra.

And now he’s excited that his long, circuitous journey has brought him to Duquesne.

“I think the administration and faculty are committed to improving the Law School and making Duquesne a great place for scholars and students to work and learn.”

Familiar Face, New Role

Tracey McCants Lewis might have a new title, but she’ll still be providing the same kind of tutelage to Duquesne law students that she has been for the past several years.

McCants Lewis, who serves as acting director of the Hugo L. Black Law Clinic, was named assistant clinical professor of law. And she believes her new position represents Duquesne’s longstanding commitment to clinical education.

“The clinic gives our students opportunities to engage in live-client work. They are taking on live cases and working with clients in the community,” she says. “Creating a tenure-track position in our Law Clinic provides more security for clinical faculty. A number of law schools do not offer tenure-track positions for clinic faculty but may have long-term contract arrangements.”

A 2000 graduate of Duquesne School of Law, McCants Lewis’ responsibilities with the Law Clinic have included overseeing the externship and fellowship programs and serving as an adjunct professor.

“I taught a class in our Bill of Rights Litigation Clinic,” she says. “I try to be hands-on and available to the students while giving them enough space to learn on their own. I try to teach through simulations before they actually get out there, and I incorporate some role play so they can see what it will be like when they have their first client interview. We allow them to learn and make mistakes here before they begin practicing on their own.”

Lewis is eager to pursue scholarship in the Bill of Rights domain.

“I’m planning to focus some of my scholarship on critical race theory topics, as well as looking at some novel legal dilemmas that we’ve seen in the Bill of Rights Clinic,” she says.

A native of the Pittsburgh suburb of Monroeville, McCants Lewis regularly shares her expertise in public forums.

“I do a lot of speaking engagements on knowing your rights when engaged with police, discussions sponsored by local community groups,” Lewis says.

She believes that Duquesne’s sense of community is what sets the Law School apart.

“The alumni maintain an extremely close relationship with the Law School. Their support of the Law School translates to opportunities for our students while in school and after they have joined the bar. We have a large number of externship placements for which the judge, the law clerk or supervising attorney is a Duquesne Law School alumnus on whom we can count to provide our students with a supportive and practical learning experience.

“The majority of the faculty in the Law Clinic are also Duquesne alumni,” McCants Lewis continues, “and their devotion to this Law School and the students is evident in the time and effort that they expend for the students and the hundreds of community clients served yearly. It has been a pleasure to work with my colleagues in the Law Clinic, and I’m honored to continue on this path of service—the welfare of the people is the highest law.”
Dean Ken Gormley traveled to several events during the fall at the invitation of Duquesne Law alumni. Gormley lent his expertise to programs in Miami, Washington, D.C., and Wilkes-Barre.

In late October, Gormley was in Miami to take part in the annual meeting of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, whose outgoing president is the Hon. Kate Ford Elliott, L’78. Gormley served as copresenter for an education program titled “Scholarly Scrutiny: A Duelling Dissection of the Supreme Court’s Term.”

Ford Elliott says the dean’s appearances at such events are of immeasurable value to the Law School. “He has done an incredible job. He’s put us on the map. He really has taken advantage of every opportunity,” she says.

A week after appearing in Miami, Gormley traveled to the nation’s capital, where he participated in the annual meeting of the Defense Research Institute (DRI). There, he served as moderator of a discussion about WikiLeaks and corporate privacy. Gormley was sought for the role by DRI President Henry Sneath, a 1983 graduate of Duquesne University School of Law.

“I invited Dean Gormley to participate,” Sneath says. “As president-elect, I spent the previous year planning this meeting. He was one person I really wanted to speak. He was the perfect person to moderate a panel discussion about WikiLeaks and corporate privacy issues because he is such a noted expert on privacy issues under the Constitution.”

On Nov. 10, Gormley traveled to Wilkes-Barre to attend the Luzerne County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference. Howard Levinson, who has chaired the conference for the past two years, says that the dean lived up to his billing.

“We start planning with a committee in March. There are about 20 lawyers, and one of the lawyers had said he’d heard Dean Gormley speak, and his name just rose to the top as we tried to identify a keynote speaker,” Levinson says.

Gormley discussed his best-selling book, The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr, in front of 325 lawyers—the most ever to attend the conference, Levinson says. “The dean was not just entertaining, but, from a historical standpoint, very informative. We’ve gotten some very favorable comments from people who’ve said this was one of the best, if not the best, bench-bars we’ve had,” he says.

“It’s a fairly elite group we’ve had come as speakers,” Levinson adds, noting that U.S. Sen. Robert Casey served as keynote speaker in 2010.

Levinson’s partner, Murray Ufberg—a 1968 graduate of Duquesne University School of Law—also attended the Luzerne County conference. “A dean’s presence is always an event for grads of a particular law school because it creates recognition of the whole law school,” Ufberg says. “In this case, however, it did much more because it was not only his presence, but the nature of his presentation, his friendliness and his warmth that gave Duquesne Law School a greater sense of importance in the legal community.”

Professor John Eastman, Chapman School of Law, with Judge Kate Ford Elliott, Dean Ken Gormley and Judge William D. Palmer in Miami
Henry Sneath recently was installed as president of the Defense Research Institute (DRI)—the largest international organization of defense lawyers—during the group’s annual meeting Oct. 26-29 in Washington, D.C.

Sneath is a principal shareholder with Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton in Pittsburgh, where his practice includes business litigation, intellectual property litigation, pharmacy and products liability litigation and insurance coverage litigation.

**Question:** In October, you began a one-year term as president of DRI. What is this group’s mission?

*Answer:* DRI is the largest international organization of defense lawyers. It provides members with continuing learning programs on an international scale, networking opportunities and leadership opportunities that allow lawyers to grow in the profession.

**Question:** What is your role as president?

*Answer:* I oversee the day-to-day operations. DRI has headquarters in Chicago and a staff of about 45 people. Our officers meet about once a month, usually in connection with one of our events. I will do as many as 50 trips on behalf of DRI. It’s like having a second full-time job.

**Question:** You were installed as president in October during DRI’s annual meeting—which included luminaries such as former president Bill Clinton and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Is it common to have such high-profile speakers?

*Answer:* We had not had a Supreme Court justice, and it was the first time we’ve had a former president. That was pretty special, and we were very pleased.

**Question:** How would you characterize the importance of the dean’s presence at this year’s DRI meeting with regard to enhancing Duquesne’s reputation?

*Answer:* It was great to have Duquesne get a lot of exposure because of both my role and Dean Gormley having a prominent role. In addition, Marie Milie Jones, L’87, who is the Pennsylvania representative to DRI; Butler Buchanan, L’79, a former board member for DRI; and my wife, Geralyn, who received her undergraduate degree from Duquesne, were in attendance.

**Question:** How did Duquesne prepare you for the success you’ve enjoyed in the profession?

*Answer:* I set out to be a tax lawyer, but my last year, I took a trial tactics class with Professor Irving Portnoy. And I decided I wanted to be a trial lawyer. That class went a long way toward my becoming a litigator. It was marvelous.
The Hon. Kate Ford Elliott, president judge emeritus of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, is outgoing president of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal. The Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal is the only organization in the United States that focuses on matters of concern for chief judges of intermediate appellate courts.

In her role as president, Ford Elliott presided over the group’s annual meeting Oct. 23-27 in Miami. Eighty chief judges from around the country were in attendance.

**Question: What is the mission of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal?**
**Answer:** We bring together chief judges from around the country so that we can exchange ideas, serve as resources for one another, and generate ideas about not only court structure and procedure, but also fiscal issues that are affecting all states.

**Question: What role did you have in planning this year’s meeting in Miami?**
**Answer:** I was on the Education Committee and worked very closely with the members. I secured Dean Ken Gormley’s presence.

**Question: What was the nature of Dean Gormley’s participation?**
**Answer:** He was one of the dueling scholars in a discussion of recent United States Supreme Court decisions. He presented a more liberal point of view, as opposed to John Eastman, former dean at Chapman University School of Law and a former law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. They played very well off each other. It was a very good session. And I expected that. I was really pleased that Dean Gormley was able to attend. I wouldn’t be surprised if he is asked again.

**Question: You were a teacher before deciding to pursue your law degree during the mid-’70s and, eventually, being elected to the state Superior Court in 1989. Why did you decide to change careers?**
**Answer:** I had seven uncles who’d gone to Duquesne for law school. I had been teaching for about four years, and it was just the right time, when more women started to think about the profession. I started law school, and I had a wonderful class, and I knew I was interested in continuing.

**Question: How has Duquesne School of Law contributed to your success?**
**Answer:** Duquesne gave me a tremendous gift. I was a teacher when I decided I wanted to attend law school, and I could not have quit my job. But Duquesne has an Evening Division that allowed me to continue teaching. Duquesne was a good program with some excellent professors. It was a long haul, but I was hired as a judicial law clerk even before I graduated from law school. I think that speaks to the quality of Duquesne’s reputation.

“DUQUESNE HAS AN EVENING DIVISION THAT ALLOWED ME TO CONTINUE TEACHING.”
Top left: Murray Ulberg, L’68, welcomed Dean Ken Gormley to Wilkes-Barre for the Luzerne County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference.

Top right: Henry Sneath, L’83, and wife Geralyn at the DRI meeting in Washington, D.C.

Bottom left: Butler Buchanan, L’79, and Marie Milie Jones, L’87, represented Duquesne at the DRI meeting.

Bottom right: Former president Bill Clinton and Dean Ken Gormley each appeared at the annual meeting of the Defense Research Institute.
By the time Elliot Katherman graduated with high distinction from Penn State in 1974, he’d decided that he wanted to go to law school. But he did not have the money to get there.

“So I started a lawn care business in my hometown. I bought a couple of used push mowers and a ’59 VW van, stuffed fliers in mailboxes, and I was off in business,” Katherman says.

And it was only a matter of time until Katherman’s unrelenting work ethic brought him across the state from his hometown of York to the classrooms of Rockwell Hall.

After saving enough money from the lawn service to pay for his first year of law school, Katherman moved his wife and young daughter to Pittsburgh and enrolled full-time at Duquesne—even though he had no idea how he might pay for a second year of law school.

Then he received his grades in the mail the following summer.

“I opened the envelope and was elated and stunned to learn that I was first in my class. That qualified me for a full scholarship for the next year,” Katherman says.

That scholarship, the James P. McArdle Memorial Scholarship, allowed Katherman to complete a second year of law school.

“At the end of my second year, I was still first in my class, and so I was awarded the John Laughlin Scholarship, another full-tuition scholarship, for my third year. Those scholarships allowed me to finish law school debt-free,” Katherman says.

“My three years at Duquesne and in Pittsburgh were a great experience,” says Katherman, who returned to York after graduating Duquesne magna cum laude in 1978.

In the years since, he has served in numerous positions with bar associations, including president of the York County Bar Association; built a 10-lawyer litigation practice; and, most recently, demonstrated exceptional generosity toward Duquesne as the first John J. Sciullo Fellow, having given $100,000 to establish the R. Elliot Katherman Endowed Scholarship.

Dean Ken Gormley says that Katherman’s gift represents the spirit of so many Duquesne alumni.

“We are extremely grateful to Elliot Katherman, on several levels,” Gormley says. “He embodies the most impressive quality of Duquesne Law School graduates—a deep appreciation of the opportunity that the Law School gave him, and a desire to give back so that future students will benefit from the same opportunities.

“He also represents the finest attribute of our Law School in a different way,” Gormley continues. “Elliot has contributed to the profession as a first-class litigator doing important personal injury work; as president of the bar association in York County; and as a leader in his community. We are honored that a graduate of Elliot Katherman’s stature would step forward to become the first John J. Sciullo Fellow during our Centennial celebration. He has given a gift to the Law School that will never be forgotten.”

The partial scholarship, part of Duquesne’s Centennial Fellows campaign, will be awarded annually to a student in the top 10 percent of the class who demonstrates financial need.

“I’ve always been grateful to those men who, years ago, set up the scholarships that benefitted me so greatly, and it’s been on my mind for quite some time that I wanted to do something similar,” Katherman says. “Duquesne’s Centennial just seemed the right time to give back.”

As much as he appreciates the financial assistance he received at Duquesne, Katherman also credits the Law School’s rigorous curriculum and effective instructors for his success.

“Duquesne is a phenomenal law school. I’ve always preached that,” he says, before proceeding to share an anecdote.

“At the end of my second year, I was recruited by several big Pittsburgh firms to their summer clerks. I chose Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott. Summer clerks are a vetting process for these firms. I was very intimidated. Of the 15 summer clerks at Eckert, I was the only one from Duquesne, and there was one student from Pitt. Everyone else was Ivy League or from some nationally known law school,” Katherman says.

“I was wondering ‘Am I going to be able to compete?’” he continues. “Not only did I compete, but at the end of the summer, the guy from Pitt and I were the only two to receive job offers. That speaks volumes about the quality of education at Duquesne. That experience gave me the confidence that my education was absolutely first rate and I could compete in any legal arena.”

It was a first-rate education, Katherman is quick to point out, made possible by an accomplished and devoted faculty.

“Sciullo was a phenomenal teacher. Hirsch, Peláez, Sekula, Mansmann ... the list goes on and on. I also had great respect for our dean, Ron Davenport,” he recalls. “Overwhelmingly, the professors were interesting and dedicated. They cared. They taught you.

“I’m proud of Duquesne,” Katherman says. “I’m grateful for my education there, and I’m thankful I can now give back to the Law School.”
Through its fundraising efforts and membership drives over the last two years, the DLAA has endowed the Law Alumni Association Endowed Bar Preparation Fund, which will provide much-needed resources to the Law School to equip its students with the means to pass the bar examination. “The DLAA’s statement of purpose includes assisting law students and recent graduates in the transition from law school to the practice of law,” said DLAA Board of Governors member Ted Trbovich, L’72. “There are a number of students who are at risk for not passing the bar; we want to ensure everyone has the tools needed to succeed.”

According to Director of Bar Services Richard Gaffney: “The Duquesne Law Alumni Association’s extraordinary gift will dramatically impact the lives of many students who might not be able to afford an expensive commercial course or tutor to prepare them for the rigors of the bar examination. Since 1911, generations of Duquesne Law School graduates have gone on to make a positive impact within our society and upon our system of justice. Central to their ability to do so was the acquisition of a license to practice, which can only be accomplished by passing the bar examination. The Alumni Association’s remarkable endowment will provide the resources needed to ensure that the highest quality in-house bar preparation courses and tutoring services will be available to serve our students, regardless of ability to pay, today and tomorrow.

“We are grateful for the generosity of our alumni and for their commitment to our students.”

Additionally, the SBA established the Student Bar Association Centennial Operating Fund, which will make awards to deserving students. During each academic year, one award will be given in honor of Professor Alfred Peláez, and another in memory of Katie Westbrook, a young girl whose dream to become a lawyer was cut short by a terminal illness (for more information about Katie, go to “Student Briefs,” page 59).

“The idea stemmed from trying to memorialize Katie as she wanted to be remembered,” said Matt Lambach, immediate past-president of the SBA. “The endowed scholarship ensures that she will never be forgotten. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for students to reflect on her courage, charisma and compassion toward the law and life. By awarding scholarships from the fund, it allows the Duquesne Law community to remember Katie and celebrate her values in worthy students.”

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The Law School’s Centennial Celebration has brought to our campus speakers and memories to last a lifetime. From our kickoff in February with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, to our Annual Reunion Dinner with author Scott Turow, to a summer abroad program in Italy with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, to the Judges Wall dedication in August and our capstone event with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in September, we have been reminded of what Duquesne University School of Law stands for: excellence in legal education for thousands of individuals who have walked through its doors. Join us now as we fondly recall this tremendous year.
The Law School honored alumni who have served and are serving on the bench August 18 at a special dedication of the new Judges Wall.

The Hon. Ronald D. Castille, chief justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the Hon. Michael E. McCarthy, judge for the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, each gave special remarks at the dedication. The Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp., vice president for Mission and Identity, gave the blessing for the unveiling of the Judges Wall.

The names of 136 Law School alumni who have served as judges on a court of record are featured on individual plaques on the wall, with the names going back as far as 1915. The Judges Wall was made possible through a gift from Paul J. Gitnik, L’85, in memory of his parents. The Judges Wall will serve as an ongoing source of inspiration for current and future law students at Duquesne, according to Dean Ken Gormley.

“Our law students will see every day as they walk into the Law School that it is possible to rise to the pinnacle of the profession by working hard and committing themselves to learning the law and learning how to practice in an ethical and professional fashion,” Gormley said.
Law Alumni on the Judges Wall:

Frederick C. Adams 1956
Donetta W. Ambrose 1970
Max Baer 1975
Cynthia A. Baldwin 1980
Francis Barry 1951
Alfred B. Bell 1973
Janet M. Bell 1974
John T. Bender 1976
Kenneth J. Benson 1979
Gerard M. Bigley, Sr. 1970
Kelly E. Bigley 1994
Carlota Bohm 1979
Frank R. Bolte 1938
Edward J. Borkowski 1985
Hugh C. Boyle 1928
Cathleen Caewood Bubash 1985
Gary P. Caruso 1973
David R. Cashman 1971
Gary R. Cassavechia 1971
David Stewart Cercone 1977
William F. Cercone 1941
Richard D. Cicchetti 1961
Edwin M. Clark 1932
Kim Berkeley Clark 1983
Robert E. Colville 1969
Robert J. Colville 1992
Shad F. Connelly 1985
Joy Flowers Conti 1973
Joseph L. Cosetti 1975
Kelly Joe Cottrill 1993
Joseph P. Cronin, Jr. 1975
Joseph A. Del Sole 1965
Jeffrey A. Deller 1996
Gustave Diamond 1956
John P. Dohanich 1972
Stephanie Domitrovich 1979
Christine Lewis Donohue 1980
Kathleen A. Durkin 1982
John P. Egan 1915
Henry Ellenbogen 1924
Thomas E. Flaherty 1996
Kate Ford Elliott 1978
Jerry J. Garguilo 1977
Martin J. Gaughan 1975
David L. Gilmore 1970
Robert S. Grigsby 1955

Arthur E. Grim 1972
Blair F. Gunther 1927
Bernard J. Hampsey, Jr. 1961
L. Kenneth Harkins 1930
Rita Donovan Hathaway 1988
Janice M. Holder 1975
Daniel L. Hawsare 1976
Joseph A. Hudock 1962
Earl S. Keim 1943
Maureen P. Kelly 1987
Robert A. Kelly 1969
Harold Beryl Klein 1957
Samuel A. Kline 1976
Jolene G. Kopriva 1978
Robert E. Kunselman 1962
Maureen E. Lally-Green 1974
Donald J. Lee 1954
James G. Legnard 1930
Timothy K. Lewis 1980
Oliver Jon Lobaugh 1977
D. Gerard Long 1966
Bradley P. Lunsford 1989
Paul F. Lutty 1972
Donald Edward Machen 1987
Jeffrey A. Manning 1972
Carol Los Mansmann 1967
Bernard Markovitz 1965
Michael F. Marmo 1993
Anthony G. Marsili 1978
Mark E. Mascara 1981
John D. McBride 1972
Charles D. McCarthy 1941
Michael E. McCarthy 1984
Richard E. McCormick 1980
H. Patrick Mcfalls 1968
Michael F. McKeon 1978
J. William McLaugherty 1968
F. Patrick Mcmanimon 1969
John T. McVay, Jr. 1984
Terrence F. McVerry 1968
Phillipe Melograne 1987
Joan Orie Melvin 1981
Charles M. Miller 1974
David Ward Murphy 1973
William R. Nalitz 1973
Lester G. Nauhaus 1968
Joseph A. Nickleach 1966
Henry X. O’Brien 1928
W. Terrence O’Brien 1975
Debbie O’Dell Seneca 1977
Joseph D. O’Keefe 1973
Judith F. Olson 1982
Lawrence J. O’Toole 1975
James J. Panchik 1982
Dante R. Pellegrini 1970
Henry S. Perkin 1972
Debra A. Pezze 1979
Thomas M. Piccione 1970
Paul M. Pozonsky 1980
William S. Rausher 1932
John C. Reed 1971
James A. Reilly 1926
Joseph A. Richardson 1918
Joseph H. Ridge 1967
Louis Rosenberg 1923
Kevin G. Sasinowski 1981
Elliott A. Sattler, Sr. 1969
Eugene F. Scanlon 1972
Charles Francis Scarlata 1967
Bernard F. Scherer 1972
Timothy S. Searer 1980
Louis S. Smith, Jr. 1949
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Richard A. Stevens 1982
Kelley T. D. Streib 1992
Patrick Ronald Tamila 1959
Kim Tesla 1984
Randall B. Todd 1985
Farley Toothman 1986
Nancy A. Vernon 1980
Joseph C. Visalli 1971
Thomas A. Wallitsch 1973
J. Warren Watson 1953
Samuel Arthur Weiss 1927
I. Martin Wekselman 1958
Joseph K. Williams, III 1985
Dwayne D. Woodruff 1988
Richard George Zeleznik 1958
Cue the sweaty palms. “John, why don’t you sit here next to Mrs. Alito, okay? And Fred, why don’t you take that seat there next to Judge Hardiman.” How are two students fresh out of their first year of law school supposed to respond to that? As if we weren’t feeling inadequate enough from a pulverizing 17-day span of final exams, this dinner was the icing on the cake.

In attendance that evening were United States Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, Judge Thomas Hardiman of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Bill Nardini of the Department of Justice, Professor Kirk Junker and Dean Ken Gormley—just to name a few. Initially star struck, we awkwardly talked about the law at first, asking about Justice Alito’s career as an attorney and about his road to the Supreme Court. We questioned him about the writing process and about what he looks for in a strong appellate brief. The formalities ran their course, and with the help of Mrs. Alito, who has an uncanny ability to make one feel comfortable, the students began to loosen up.

In traditional Italian style, the dinner was five long courses—each one a story of its own—and as the meal unfolded, the conversation turned casual. An avid reader, Mrs. Alito was recommending books about one subject or another, all the while her husband poking jokes: “Oh yeah, since you’re a real expert in that field.” Our conversation went from talks about how technology was changing the nature of law, to how the Alitos met and fell in love. We heard of Judge Hardiman’s days at South Bend, Ind., as a Notre Dame undergraduate student, and about Justice Alito’s loyalty to the Philadelphia Phillies. In a small Roman restaurant, we were putting personalities behind the names we had seen written atop the many judicial opinions we had spent hours reading back home.

Looking back, the days are somewhat of a blur. Our itinerary, like everything else in Italy, did not go as planned. Events were moved, drivers were late, and detours were taken. On one particular occasion, a protest blocking the highway turned a three-hour bus ride home from Sorrento into a six-hour excursion. As we already were running late for a reception with Villanova Law School, Dean Gormley literally had to give Justice Alito the shirt off his back so we could make it. It was a roll-with-the-punches type of experience that was true to the culture, and every second was eventful.

One evening, upon retiring to our dorm room, we recapped the events of that day. They started with a roundtable discussion with Cardinal Peter Turkson, a papal contender and head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. As we discussed with him the challenges in promoting human rights around the globe, we learned about the church’s role in promoting peace and what we, as law students, could do to help. Thereafter, we attended a lecture led by Judge Hardiman concerning natural law and its role throughout American history. Judge Hardiman engaged us with an intriguing conversation concerning the polarity of good and evil and the fundamental notion of what we inherently perceive as right and wrong. He skillfully blended these concepts with an articulation of philosophy and morality, which had been...
two recurring themes of the trip. After the lecture, we had our first informal discussion with Justice Alito, who happily answered all of our individual questions. And from there, we paid a brief visit to La Botticella, Rome's infamous Steelers bar. At the conclusion of our recap, we both started to laugh because we realized that we had left out the Mass at St. Peter's tomb to start off that day. It was a true testament to the trip as a whole and to just how much we experienced in such a short period of time.

Our trip took us from the coasts of Amalfi to the ruins of Pompeii. We attended a blessing by the pope and a reception by the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See. Our tours took us underground to both the Scavi and the catacombs, and up above to the hills of Rome and the ceilings of the Sistine Chapel. But more valuable than what we saw was who we saw it with. The faculty could not have been more engaging, the students more ambitious, nor the natives more welcoming. On behalf of all the student participants, we would like to thank Dean Gormley, Professor Lordi, Sister DiPietro, Father McCloskey, Father DiNardo, Judge Lally-Green, Professor Mistick, Judge Hardiman, Justice Alito, Professor Granne and all of the CLE participants for being a part of the gift that was this trip. On behalf of all the student participants, we would like to thank Dean Gormley, Professor Lordi, Sister DiPietro, Father McCloskey, Father DiNardo, Judge Lally-Green, Professor Mistick, Judge Hardiman, Justice Alito, Professor Granne and all of the CLE participants for being a part of the gift that was this trip. We would especially like to extend our thanks to Professor Joiner, whose efforts were the glue that held the trip together.

Not often is a person able to appreciate the importance of an occasion as it occurs. It is human nature to wait until the dust has settled before we return to a past moment and attach to it its value. Our trip to the Vatican, however, was not one of those times; we knew we were living something special.

Rome is known as the eternal city, a place of ceaseless existence without beginning or end, and while we wish we could say the same about our trip, the program was over after three short weeks. It was a footnote in the story of our lives, and while it is true that brevity can sometimes burn, it was not the duration of our trip that mattered, but what we experienced within those three weeks that will stay with us forever.
Before an audience of more than 1,200 people, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, the 103rd justice of the Supreme Court, extolled the virtues of the Catholic legal education at Duquesne University School of Law. He reminded the audience that there is more to the practice of law than the study of books; there is a higher purpose in the law, which is to serve others. “I hope this place will not yield—as some Catholic institutions have—to this politically correct insistence upon suppression of moral judgment,” he said.

The two-hour program highlighted Scalia’s illustrious career, which spans 25 years. Joining Dean Ken Gormley and Justice Scalia was a panel of three of his former law clerks: Paul T. Cappuccio, executive vice president and general counsel of Time Warner, Inc.; the Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and Katherine I. Twomey, associate, Latham & Watkins LLP. The clerks regaled the audience with experiences in the justice’s chambers, drawing a smile or two from the justice, as well. What was apparent throughout this discussion is the respect and affection that Scalia and his clerks hold for one another.
Another highlight of the program was the presentation of the Carol Los Mansmann Award for Distinguished Service by the Federal Bar Association, Western Pennsylvania Chapter. The family of Carol Los Mansmann, beloved alumna and former judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, was on hand to present the award, along with FBA President Patrick Sorek (partner, Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC). Jerry Mansmann, L’67, his children and grandchildren took to the stage to remember Carol and honor Scalia for his distinguished legal career.

Finally, it was Justice Scalia’s turn to be entertained, when four musicians from the Mary Pappert School of Music took to the stage to perform an operatic interlude. Scalia, a patron of the opera, was delighted with the musical selections performed by sopranis Grace Callahan and Rebecca Belczyk and countertenor Andrey Nemzer. The trio were accompanied by Ganna Kovalevska on the piano. ⌗
The ballroom glittered during the Centennial Gala, where guests wore their very best and raised money for student scholarships. More than $30,000 was raised for the Duquesne Law Alumni Association endowed scholarship fund, which provides much-needed tuition dollars to Day and Evening students. Catch-22, the all-faculty jazz band from the Mary Pappert School of Music, performed as more than 250 alumni and friends mingled. Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik provided the invocation, and guest speakers included Marie Milie Jones, L’87; Judge Mike McCarthy, L’84; and students Jerry Quattro and Simoné Delerme. Ray Sekula, L’65, was honored with the DLAA Centennial Award for Outstanding Service as the longest serving alumnus on the law faculty. It was an evening to celebrate Duquesne Law and its alumni, students and friends.
“The nature and proper timidity and delicacy which belongs to the female sex evidently unfit it for many of the occupations of civil life,” wrote U.S. Supreme Court Justice Joseph Bradley in his 1872 concurrence in Bradwell v. Illinois, a decision that affirmed Myra Bradwell’s denial of admission to the Illinois bar.

Although the road to the bench and bar was never smoothly paved, women throughout American history demonstrated true perseverance and fought hard to open the doors that men in the legal profession have been gliding through since the birth of the nation. From Ada Kepley, the first woman to earn a formal law degree in the United States, to Sandra Day O’Connor, the first female justice to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, trails needed to be blazed and glass ceilings shattered. Contrary to Justice Bradley’s insular attitude toward female attorneys, women educated and eager to prove that the “paramount destiny and mission of woman” could exceed “the noble and benign offices of wife and mother” rose to the occasion.

Equally important have been the institutions that supported and helped to facilitate opportunities for the advancement of women in law. In 1914, six years before women had the right to vote, Duquesne University School of Law welcomed Mrs. M. Murphy as the first woman to matriculate in the Law School—36 years before Harvard Law School would finally yield and admit women after 79 years of rejecting female applicants.

In celebration of its 100th anniversary, Duquesne School of Law took time to honor the legacy of Duquesne women in the law on Oct. 18. From the attorney general of Pennsylvania, to an executive at a Fortune 500 company, to a federal judge, to the oldest practicing attorney in the commonwealth, the event showcased the success and true spirit of Duquesne Law alumnae.

Introduced by Dean Ken Gormley as the “model of hard work, dedication to public service, humility and unbound talent,” Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly, L’75, addressed the noteworthiness of Duquesne’s early admission of women when acclaimed legal scholars shamelessly opposed their entrance into the legal field.

“Duquesne Law is special,” Kelly said, “with its ever-growing history of women in law.”

Kelly considers her decision to attend Duquesne Law School the “best gamble taken.” Her personal journey from law student to attorney general was uncharted, and not by choice, she said. Receiving no encouragement except from her mother, Kelly enrolled at Duquesne after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor’s degree in English. As one of seven women in her law class, she wondered if there was a place for her in the legal community. “I was lucky enough to find it,” she said.

After graduation, Kelly began her career as an assistant district attorney in Allegheny County. In 1980, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office, twice being named acting U.S. Attorney.
On Feb. 8, 2011, Gov. Tom Corbett nominated Kelly to succeed him as the Attorney General of Pennsylvania, a nomination that the Pennsylvania Senate unanimously confirmed.

In the 30-plus years Kelly has worked as a prosecutor, she has endured her fair share of “Young Miss,” “Madame Prosecutor,” “Honey” and “Linda Dear.” While there may be resistance to women in law, “history will not find us wanting,” Kelly said.

Kelly was one of four alumnae recognized as more than merely fit for an occupation of civil life—but as “extraordinary contributors to the law and the region,” Gormley said. Although Kelly noted historically the lack of female role models in the legal profession compared to male counterparts, the Hon. Donetta Ambrose, L’70, found inspiration, friendship and her place in the American legal system thanks to Carol Los Mansmann, the revered federal judge and Duquesne Law alumna.

A true trailblazer in the legal profession, Mansmann became, at age 39, the youngest woman to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court, and the first woman appointed to the federal bench in Pittsburgh. As a dear friend and fellow undergraduate at Duquesne, Mansmann pointed Ambrose to a career in law.

“I knew I wanted to be as much like Carol as I could,” Ambrose said. “Carol is an inspiration of what a good judge should be. Personally, she is an inspiration of what a good woman, a good person should be.”

At the Celebration of 100 Years of Duquesne Women in the Law, Ambrose received the Carol Los Mansmann Award for Distinguished Public Service, an award named in honor of Mansmann, who passed away from breast cancer in 2002. The award, given by the Federal Bar Association of Pennsylvania in consultation with the Duquesne Law School and the Mansmann family, was first bestowed upon U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor in 2001.

“Judge Donetta Ambrose personifies the character and spirit of the Law School as the honoree of the Carol Los Mansmann Award,” Gormley said.

Much like Mansmann, Ambrose herself broke down barriers for women in the law. As one of only three women in the class of 1970, Ambrose graduated at the top of her class and went on to become the first female chief justice of the Western District of Pennsylvania.

“The legacy of Carol Los Mansmann lives on in Judge Donetta Ambrose,” U.S. District Judge Joy Flowers Conti, L’73, said. “She is a woman who epitomizes grace, courage and intelligence.”

In addition, Gretchen Haggerty, L’80, executive vice president and CFO of United States Steel Corporation, and Elizabeth Bailey, L’47, addressed the crowd of over 100. Haggerty, a native of Pittsburgh, joined United States Steel in 1976 as a management trainee in the Tax Division. In 1991, Ms. Haggerty, promoted to vice president and treasurer of USX, became the first female officer of the company. At 93, Ms. Bailey is the oldest living alumna and oldest practitioner in the state, maintaining a practice with the law firm of Creenan & Baczkowski, PC. Ms. Bailey quipped, “Yes, I stand on my head in yoga class; no, I don’t run marathons.”

As advancement of women in the legal profession continues, alumnae like the women honored on Oct. 18 inspire and remind aspiring female attorneys that “history will not find us wanting.”
Join us for
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Curriculum

This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for eleven (11) hours of substantive law, practice and procedure CLE credit and one (1) hour of ethics, professionalism or substance abuse CLE credit.

Class Schedule
Classes will be taught by Irish and American faculty members and will meet June 7 and June 11–13. In Belfast, classes will meet at Queen’s University; in Dublin, classes will meet at University College Dublin, Ireland’s largest university.

- Human Rights Law (3 substantive credits)
  June 7, 2–5:15 p.m.

- International Contracts for the Sale of Goods: Comparisons
  (2 substantive plus 1 ethics credit)
  June 11, 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- Law of the European Union (3 substantive credits)
  June 12, 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
  (3 substantive credits)
  June 13, 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Site Visits
In addition to the classroom program, an opening dinner and a number of professional and cultural excursions are included. In and around Belfast, these include: 1) meeting with Danny Morrison, the former publicity director of Sinn Fein; 2) a daylong tour of the North Coast with visits to Dunluce Castle, the Giant’s Causeway and the Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge; and 3) a visit to Armagh, the Ecclesiastical Capital City.

In Dublin these include an optional hike around the Howth Peninsula and a visit to the ambassador’s residence.

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I have been asked to provide some memories of my law school years (1970-73). Perhaps the earliest memory was the first one, when New Jersey classmate Ed Linky and I pulled up next to the William Penn Hotel in his ’66 Mustang convertible (with trailer) to move into our “dorm.”

You see Towers wasn’t ready for occupancy. So Duquesne had rented out three floors of the hotel, and a mix of graduate, law and undergraduate students lived there for a semester. There was no student lounge, so we all piled into each other’s rooms for a cramped study group in our first year.

We had to use the service entrance and elevator because management didn’t want some grubby students tramping through their nice lobby.

Walking up the hill to Rockwell Hall in Pittsburgh in bitterly cold winter is one memory, but a more pleasant one was the fact that I had come from an all-male college (Rutgers Class of ’68) and the all-male U.S. Army to having my own hotel room on a co-ed floor. I moved into Towers the following semester with Maury Leavitt, and my grades went up accordingly.

Taking classes in Rockwell Hall for three years was an enigma. We were taught by a brilliant faculty and received a first-rate legal education that I would compare with any of the top law schools in the country. Rockwell, however, was a challenging venue. We were crammed into classrooms, sitting in one-armed chairs with our books on our laps, while taking notes on the desk.

Professor Sekula’s Tax exam in my second year was especially challenging. It was the only open-book exam we had, and we had the casebook, the IRS Code and three sets of IRS regulations on our laps, arms, desk and floor, while spewing out everything we knew about Tax law in three hours.

The scariest memory has to be the first-year Legal Process and Procedures course with Professor Murphy, who had a “three-hit rule”: If three people he called on weren’t prepared, he walked out of class, and you were still responsible for the material on his exam.

His grilling of us in the Socratic method (or his version of same) was intimidating, and I remember when I was called upon one day. I rose to give the case “abstract” (facts, issue and holdings of the court), and, much to my surprise, he did not interrupt me, but said at the end, “Mr. Davie, that’s one of the best abstracts I’ve heard. You’re going to be a good lawyer someday.”

Needless to say, my classmates thought I really had Murphy’s course solved, but I received the same “D+” on his exam that most of the other first-year students did.

We had a completely anonymous locked-box grading system; you were assigned a number that stayed with you for the entire exam period. That number was placed in a locked box, and only the dean and the Student Bar Association president had the key.

At the end of the exam period, the box was opened, and the numbers—never the names—were posted on the wall of the 7th floor of Rockwell Hall, which immediately became known as the “Wailing Wall” for obvious reasons.

Dean Davenport began each second-year Constitutional Law class with the words “We begin” and proceeded to cover every single case in the Con Law book until the last class, when he said, “We end.”

Professor Twerski’s first-year Torts class precipitated thought-provoking questions, and I still remember his animated “Am I a bad man? Is this a bad act?” in sifting through the myriad of issues in the Palsgraf case.
He and Property Law professor Broughton took opposite sides in the *Roe v. Wade* abortion debate sponsored by the Student Bar Association in my second year, and I also remember activist William Kunstler coming to Duquesne to speak at the invitation of ’73 classmate Mike Warren.

Academically, my third year was mostly spent working with Joy Conti and Janice Gambino in representing Duquesne in the National Appellate Moot Court Competition.

We briefed and argued a cutting-edge environmental law issue as Duquesne hosted the regionals in 1973. (It was the only time I got to the LeMont restaurant).

Unfortunately, a chauvinistic judge (it was 1973, remember) prevented us from advancing to the nationals. After the countless hours of research, drafting and redrafting, as well as going over our oral arguments together countless times, for us to get knocked out like that has to be my worst law school memory.

The social highlight of each year was the Barristers Ball in the Student Union, where the second- and third-year law students put on a series of skits that totally decimated each and every faculty member in a creatively humorous way that would rival “Saturday Night Live.”

The ballroom would be decorated, and there’d be dinner and drinks; the faculty took all of the devastating swipes in a good-hearted way, and a great time was had by all.

We weren’t allowed to take any electives until the second semester of our second year, and I remember having my first adjunct professor, Marion Finkelhor, teach a course in Municipal Law. She was a great teacher, and the course has stayed with me throughout my career of representing municipalities as town attorney, planning board attorney, board of education attorney and special counsel here in New Jersey.

And who could ever forget the best elective to take in our third year, Law and Public Opinion (LAPO), taught by the personable law librarian Nicholas Demas, who always found a way to give you an “A.”

We had previously talked about my wearing my Duquesne Law ring every time I’m in court for a trial or motion, which is at least 50 percent of my practice.

The ring with the distinguishable Gothic “D” was not available to us in 1973, but I later bought one at the class reunion in 2003, when I visited Duquesne with my daughter, who was being recruited for soccer.

I wear it whenever I’m in court because it’s a visible reminder of what Dean Sciullo, Dean Davenport, Professors Paláez, Twerski, Murphy, Sekula, Fisfis and many more taught us, which is: If you’re prepared, you’re better than anyone.

I’ve tried cases against men and women from Georgetown, Stanford, Northwestern, Harvard, etc., and I’ve been successful, because no one outworks Duquesne Law graduates in being the best prepared lawyer in the courtroom.

When I first started practicing in New Jersey and New York in the ’70s, I noticed a somewhat quizzical (and perhaps condescending) attitude when I mentioned that I graduated from Duquesne, but I think the incredible changes and improvements to the school that’ve been made since 1973 has eliminated same, especially with Dean Gormley’s outstanding vision for the future. ☺
Dean Ken Gormley and Gov. Tom Corbett congratulate Catrina Rogers.

DLAA Immediate Past-President F. Christopher Spina addresses the students.
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Now that you are lawyers, there may come a day when you would appear before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The chambers are on the fourth floor of the state Capitol Building. Try to get there early. You have a reading assignment waiting for you.

Look at the murals that stretch across the walls of this courtroom. Read them.

They were put there by a Pennsylvania artist, a woman named Violet Oakley. At the time she painted those pictures, no woman had ever been granted such a large public project. When she first studied art, women could not vote. It was thought odd that she’d been admitted to an art school back then.

The law, the idea of justice, was still being sorted out. It was the start of what we called The American Century, but American was not yet America for everyone. To Violet Oakley, justice mattered. She wasn’t a lawyer. She was just one of the millions of people who lived under the law. Law matters to them as much as it does to lawyers.

So, she decided to tell the story of justice, of how law developed—from the days of Moses to the League of Nations—through those murals.


The central painting, across from the entrance, is of William Blackstone, the man some would call the father of Common Law. He sits on a sort of throne, with a group of scholars beneath him taking down his words.

Inscribed in the mural are these words of Blackstone:

“Human Laws are only declaratory of, and act in subordination to, Divine Law.”

And there we have something, something at the core of the education you have received. Laws of Nations, Laws of Men and Women, all spring from an inherent desire for order and justice. That desire is ingrained in us—this idea of what seems just and proper. Even when we can’t fully explain it, we feel it. It is Blackstone’s, and Violet Oakley’s, Divine Law.

What is one of the first things a child learns to say when playing with his friends or arguing over bedtime rules?

“That’s not fair."

Ask that child to explain why something isn’t fair and he might have trouble putting it into words. But a sense of justice is as much a part of us as our bones.

Duquesne is a place where men and women are taught to believe in something bigger than themselves, and something bigger than Man’s Law. It teaches that the reason to be a lawyer is not to accumulate power, or money, or prestige. It’s to seek out justice. It teaches that the law is here to serve humanity, not the other way around. Law, like a person, must have a purpose, and purpose must come from somewhere other than our own worldly interests.
“You are leaving a special place here. I don’t say that lightly. You are not merely lawyers. You are graduates of a Catholic law school.”

You are leaving a special place here. I don’t say that lightly. You are not merely lawyers. You are graduates of a Catholic law school. This school opened five years after the Capitol in Harrisburg was completed and 15 years before those murals were painted. The University of the Holy Ghost, as Duquesne was called then, was very much about justice. In those days immigrants had little chance of entering many of our elite institutions. In the days before women could vote, this school admitted its first woman. Before African-Americans could attend many law schools, Duquesne graduated Theron Hamilton, a black man.

No laws required that a woman be admitted or that people of color be graduated. Duquesne acted on its own, and out of a sense of justice that goes hand-in-hand with faith. They understood, just as Violet Oakley did when she painted those murals, that law and justice can sometimes run on separate tracks and that it is our duty to merge them.

Just as metals can become stronger as alloys, a place like Duquesne blends faith and reason in the same cauldron. The danger is that too often we allow our intellectual skills to run ahead of our consciences. We let reason overrule faith.

Recently, a national political candidate was discovered in an illicit affair with a campaign aide. The first thing we heard—and this is common—was that no laws were broken. We’re talking here about a brilliant lawyer, a courtroom star. That’s the danger you face. You have been armed with the weapon of reasoning, the skill of argument, the ability to break another person’s arguments down into separate pieces until they are left with no version of the truth but your own.

I have seen too many good lawyers do this to themselves in the search for something to excuse personal misconduct, conduct they had to know in their hearts was wrong. I call them fallen angels because, almost to a one, they set out with a noble purpose and forgot their goal along the way.

We have seen judges across this state disgraced, driven from the bench and from the esteem of their fellow citizens, by cutting corners—taking bribes they rationalized as gifts, doing corrupt acts they told themselves were innocent favors. Some have gone to jail. Some have retired into obscurity. Long after their sentences are served, they will be forever tainted in the eyes of their fellow citizens.

And there are the angels who fall not by misdeed but by failing to act. Remember that Dante reserved a special circle of hell for the angels who, in the struggle between God and Lucifer … took neither side. It is not enough to be “not guilty.” I believe you must be aggressively innocent. It’s not enough that you have broken no technicality of the law. You must be attentive to the law’s spirit and its purpose and you must act on them.

As attorney general, each day, I would exit the elevator of my Harrisburg office. The first thing I saw was a painting of Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers. I don’t know if he was an especially good lawyer or a bad lawyer. What we know about Thomas More is that he was a good man—in fact, a great one. As Lord Chancellor of England he defied his monarch when he thought Henry VIII was doing something wrong. Under the laws of England the king brought him up on criminal charges. It cost More his life. It gained him sainthood. What he understood was that there was law and there was justice.

That painting became my reminder, every day, to do the right thing no matter what the consequences. From his king he got the law. From history he received justice.

Now, I don’t imagine any of you will soon face beheading—torture, maybe. There is, after all, the bar exam awaiting you. You will face small moments that will figure large in what you make of the law and what the law makes of you. Here’s a simple rule: Don’t do anything you wouldn’t want to read about on the front page of the next day’s newspaper.

I have spent most of my life as a prosecutor. People often think of prosecutors as hardened, maybe even angry, figures who cut swaths through the lives of their quarry. It is true I’m responsible for some men and women being in prison. It’s true, too, that I have felt sorrow, even anger, at the sight of people who steal or cheat or murder—people who plunder their ways through life as if society didn’t exist.

That’s part of the job.

But there have also been the small moments of grace, when conscience and hope have helped me to decide on a lesser penalty or a chance for someone to redeem himself. It was never my job to forgive. Yet, there are sometimes ways to open the door to atonement by not shaming someone when it wasn’t needed or by sometimes allowing the bad guy to come over to our side and make things right.
In civil law this applies too.

It is one thing to win a case. It is another to crush feelings. Lawyers sometimes turn up with a bit too much swagger, or maybe a bit of spite. We are, in large measure, the alpha types in our circle. We like to go get ‘em. We like to win. If this profession is football, we’re the ones penalized for excessive celebration in the end zone. We don’t need to become that. It’s not a part of our growth.

All we really need to do is plead our cases with honest passion and, even in victory, remember that both sides came into that courtroom looking for justice. What can be more just than remembering that with every win there is also a losing side, and that side deserves dignity.

You can do pro bono work. You can all give to charities—at least once your school loans are paid down a bit. We can, all of us, simply remember that while to us this is a business, the people who come to us have their lives and futures and happiness riding on an outcome. Even if the outcome doesn’t fall in their favor, we can remember their disappointment. We can, put simply, remember to be at least as kind as we are smart.

I think of a man who preceded me both in the governor’s mansion and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Dick Thornburgh was a young up-and-comer. He was on track to become a successful lawyer in private practice at a time when success meant comfort and income, and a great career was the capstone to a happy domestic life.

One day on McArdle Roadway, just on the other side of the Monongahela, his life changed forever, and he wasn’t even there. His wife died in a car crash. It left him a single dad. a man shaken and saddened and thinking. He later told people that it woke him up to both the fragility of life and the need to do something meaningful.

He entered public life.

Because he took that course, political corruption was put on the run. A crisis at Three Mile Island didn’t become a panic, because a steady hand was in charge. Government now runs better. Presidents got solid advice. However incrementally, things changed in good ways. We are all the better because a good man made himself better.

That’s not on the bar exam. It’s on the life exam. It’s the thing that distills good instincts into solid values. It’s not something the law will ask of you. You must ask it of yourselves. The law can be a wonderful way of doing that.

Today you know the law from your books. Tomorrow, it is up to you to discover justice in yourselves. You are lawyers. It is up to you now to understand what Violet Oakley understood 85 years ago: The law is a story in word and action. It is up to all of us to fill in the rest of the picture—to read, and to live, the writing on the wall.

Good morning President Dougherty, Dean Gormley, Governor Corbett, family and friends, and fellow classmates of the class of 2011. I am excited to state that in a few moments we will be receiving our diplomas and becoming the centennial class of Duquesne University School of Law.

It is an honor to be standing before you today after serving as the president of the Student Bar Association for the past two years. To begin preparation of this speech, I reflected on some of the things I learned over the last three years. Looking past the cases, outlines and exams, some humorous things immediately came to mind. First, I remember Professor Hirsch downloading radio hits onto his phone to use as an alarm to signal the end of his property class. Second, I am confident some of our bank statements are proof that the combination of Subway, Starbucks and Java City comprises 60 percent of a Duquesne law student’s diet. Third, I learned that Eric Frank and John Bechtel will wear sandals to school no matter how cold or snowy it is and that, although Eric is from Wisconsin, John’s feet are much more tolerant of the cold and snow. Finally, I am convinced that none of us will ever meet the so-called “reasonable man,” but if one of us did, after enduring all of this time in law school, we wouldn’t be treating him so reasonably.

However, there is one important lesson that I believe we have taught ourselves over the past three or four years. This lesson especially stood out after asking Chancellor Murray and other faculty what advice they would share to a graduating law student. Each stated
without hesitation the “I” word – Integrity. Integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one’s actions. Since our class has begun its legal career here at Duquesne, I strongly believe that we have demonstrated to each other integrity. I remember reading the horror stories shared by Scott Turow in his book, One L. Mr. Turow, who was the Centennial speaker for the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner in April, would be proud of our class and its integrity. Not only has our class worked together as a team to overcome challenges and not commit the devious acts that he described, but it has made choices each and every day that resemble the highest morals and character. While we may not notice the value of these choices each day, the accumulation of these choices has set us on the path to becoming attorneys of high moral character. Once we undertake the privilege of practicing law, our reputation will become our biggest asset. Fortunately, we will begin our legal careers with a strong reputation. I know I will be proud to say that I went to law school at Duquesne with each and every one of you.

Integrity is used in another context as well. It is the concept of consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations and outcomes. In other words, “Do our actions match the choices we make to achieve our goals, values and principles?” This reminds me of a piece of advice a role model once shared with me. Imagine for a moment that you have a bank account valued at $86,400 that replenishes itself each and every day. Whatever amount you do not spend each day is wasted. How would you spend the money in the account? We can probably begin to guess which of our classmates would be on an immediate first-class flight to Las Vegas; while others might invest it and pay off debts; and others would donate it for a particular cause they support. The possibilities are unlimited—each of us would spend the bank account differently. There is one thing that we would have in common thought—that is to make sure that we spend each cent every day.

Well, as you may have already guessed, we do have such an account—it is time. There are 86,400 seconds in a day and we have the freedom to spend each second however we choose. So I again ask you, how would you spend your account? As students at this law school, I believe that we have spent our time wisely and fully. It was clear that our class holds the highest values as it worked toward this point. Beginning with the Legal Research and Writing boot camp through our last final exam, we have been fully dedicated to our legal studies. The results we produced are evidence that our class has raised the standard of the typical Duquesne law student. Our class dramatically increased the GPA needed to be on Law Review. Members of our class have furthered the dominance of our trial advocacy programs as they won the National Student Trial Advocacy Competition. Members of our student organizations have increased the amount of community service performed within the Pittsburgh community. Our class reached out to the faculty and administration, advocating for and accomplishing changes that will better a student’s experience and the Law School. Our students have worked harder than ever in the clinics, leading to one student arguing in front of the Third Circuit this past month. Our publications have increased readership and continued to produce only the highest quality of work. Again, these actions of our class clearly demonstrate that our class has elevated the standards at Duquesne University School of Law, 100 years after it was founded.

So where do our hard work and accomplishments leave us today? First, I am confident that our class has the discipline and work ethic to have a 100 percent bar passage rate, so let’s push through these next two months. Next, today’s commencement provides us the opportunity to raise the standard as a Duquesne Law alumnus. When we entered law school, we became aware of our law school’s motto—Salus Populi, Suprema Lex—or “The people’s welfare is the highest law.” Each and every day we have the privilege to practice law, we need to try to devote each and every second to the people’s welfare. After having the privilege to serve this special class as its SBA president, I learned what integrity means from each of you. I know that we are up for the challenge of setting a new standard, 100 years after this law school opened its doors to produce excellent and dedicated attorneys. I am proud of everything our class has accomplished, and I wish you luck in all your endeavors.

Matthew Lambach, L’11

“Fortunately, we will begin our legal careers with a strong reputation. I know I will be proud to say that I went to law school at Duquesne with each and every one of you.”
Remember these faces?

Can you identify these members of the 1975-76 entering class? Answers on page 55.

Do you have Duquesne Law School memories or photos you’d like to share? Send them to lawalumni@duq.edu.
The faculty, administration and staff of the Duquesne University School of Law congratulate the Class of 2011 for its performance on the July 2011 Pennsylvania Bar Examination. Fully 90.1 percent of our graduating class sat for the exam, with other graduates sitting for bar examinations in other or multiple jurisdictions. In addition to this year’s graduates who have already passed bar examinations in six other states (whose results were previously released in Florida, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Maine, Connecticut and Nevada), 157 graduates passed the Pennsylvania Bar Examination on their first attempt in July. The pass rate was, for our Day Division students, 84.6 percent (104 of 123 passed); for our Part-Time Day Division students, 100 percent (3 of 3 passed); for our Evening Division students, 76.9 percent (50 of 65 passed); and overall 82.2 percent (157 of 191 passed). Fully 32.5 percent of the Class of 2011 graduated from our Evening Division and 94.2 percent of these graduates sat for the July exam (compared with 88.5 percent of the Day Division class). This solid performance places Duquesne within a tight cluster of law schools whose pass rates were in the 80 percent-87 percent range, including Drexel, Widener – Delaware, Rutgers – Camden and the University of Pittsburgh, whose results edged Duquesne by just 1.78 percent. The results came in as anticipated, as they are directly in line with last year’s results and are higher than Duquesne’s 15-year rolling average first-time pass rate (80.0 percent).

The pass rate for Duquesne graduates was the product of diligent preparation and hard work. As a part of their preparation, many of Duquesne’s 2011 graduates took advantage of the Law School’s comprehensive Bar Examination Preparation program, which was instituted by the faculty in 2006 to improve results on the bar exam.

Recognizing that more than passive participation in a commercial bar preparation course is often needed to pass the bar, Duquesne Law School provides substantial resources to help students and recent graduates maximize their scores, including a year-long course that focuses on the multiple-choice questions found on prior bar exams. This course is available to all third- and fourth-year students on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. In addition, Duquesne offers a spring semester course that incorporates lectures on substantive law and essay questions from past Pennsylvania bar exams. This course is offered on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

We congratulate these recent graduates on this significant accomplishment and look forward not only to seeing them at alumni events, but to the many contributions that they will undoubtedly make to the legal community throughout their professional careers.

Duquesne’s Bar Pass Rate Remains Solid

Richard Gaffney, Director of Bar Services
Bill of Rights Clinic

The 12 students working as certified legal interns in the Bill of Rights Clinic have started the 2011-2012 academic year on a high note! They have settled three employment discrimination cases and received monetary settlements of approximately $50,500 for their clients.

The students regularly attend community meetings at the Pittsburgh Branch of the NAACP to meet with individuals who present with legal issues dealing with employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination. While the students provide legal representation on matters dealing with discrimination, they have created a working relationship with the Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service to assist individuals with family law and criminal law issues in obtaining an appropriate referral. The Law Clinic is working with Whitney E. Hughes, Esquire, director of Lawyer Referral Services.

Members of the Bill of Rights, Civil Litigation Clinic recently participated in the preparation of a Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the United States Supreme Court. The clinic had represented an inmate in an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit captioned Sorrell v. Bledsoe, Appeal No. 10-1649. The issue centered on whether a federal prisoner can obtain habeas corpus relief in relation to a constitutionally invalid sentencing enhancement. The Third Circuit held that no such relief is available because habeas can only be used to challenge a conviction as opposed to a sentencing enhancement that extends the duration of confinement based on an inmate’s criminal history. The federal courts are divided on whether habeas relief is available in such circumstances. This “split in the circuits” slightly increases the still somewhat remote chance that the court will grant certiorari. If the court does grant certiorari, the case would be heard in the spring or fall of 2012.

The Law Clinic welcomes Robert Capristo, L’72, as an adjunct clinical professor of law and coordinator of the Civil and Family Justice Law Clinic. The clinic has great enrollment with 17 students working at the following legal organizations, offices and projects: KidsVoice; Neighborhood Legal Services Association; Allegheny County Juvenile Court Project / Parent Advocates; Allegheny County Law Department; and Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas – Pro Se Motions Project.
Community Enterprise Clinic

Ten third-year students currently serve approximately 70 nonprofit groups through the Law School’s Community Enterprise Clinic (CEC). These clients typically need advice about formation, document preparation and guidance regarding corporate governance, regulatory compliance and best practices.

Meeting with live clients, opening and maintaining case files, and discussing issues that arise in client representation through class “rounds,” interns apply concepts learned in several substantive courses, such as Corporations, Legal Research & Writing and Intellectual Property. This clinic now serves clients who support the arts; promote redevelopment of distressed communities; preserve historic sites/districts; educate for health; rescue abandoned animals; establish religious ministries; develop youth sports programs; and create interfaith dialogue.

Criminal Advocacy Clinic

This year the Criminal Advocacy Clinic, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel, offered clinical positions to eight outstanding third-year students: Amber Archer, Lauren Catalano, Rory Driscole, Robert Hartley, Brendan McKenna, Michael Megrey, Natalie Thompson and Megan Will. Six of the students work on cases in adult criminal court, while Ms. Thompson and Ms. Will represent juveniles who have been charged criminally. The juvenile delinquency division is a new addition to the program this year.

All of the students started the semester by touring the Allegheny County Jail and the Allegheny County Medical Examiner’s Lab. In October, they watched oral arguments before both the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Several students have appeared before judges in the Court of Common Pleas to argue motions and present plea deals.

In August, supervising attorney Kirsha Weyandt, L’06, accepted an offer to formally join the Clinic as an adjunct professor. Her new duties include presenting weekly lectures on criminal law topics and coordinating the other two on-site supervising attorneys, J. Richard Narvin, L’75, and Howard Elbling.

Although the majority of groups receiving free services are in Allegheny County, the clinic assists a number of groups in surrounding counties, across the state and even internationally. Examples include a wellness network in central Pennsylvania; a Beaver County youth empowerment organization; a soccer program in Cameroon seeking to educate youth and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS; a Pittsburgh project reconditioning donated bicycles to give to poor youth and encourage health; an interfaith and educational forum seeking to educate and promote dialogue and understanding in western Pennsylvania communities about the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths; and an orphanage project in Haiti. Many clients advance Duquesne’s emphases (from five-year plan) on environmental stewardship or economic/community development in the Uptown neighborhood or advancement of mission work in African nations.
Unemployment Compensation Clinic

The Unemployment Compensation Clinic welcomes adjunct clinical professor Justin Romano, ’09, an alumnus of the Law School and the Unemployment Compensation Clinic. He is assisting Professor Michael Simon, ’80, with the supervision of students representing clients in unemployment compensation hearings.

Unemployment Compensation Clinic: A Case Report

Michael D. Simon, Supervising Attorney


The Clinic accepted this case in the fall term of 2010. The claimant, Mr. Green, had been discharged from his position at UPMC as a supervisor of environmental support in 2009 because he had been charged with a series of serious crimes involving a non-work-related incident. In this respect, Mr. Green was charged with five crimes all involving a minor, including, but not limited to, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault, endangering the welfare of children and corruption of minors. Green maintained his innocence throughout.

Prior to the resolution of the criminal charges, Green filed for and received unemployment benefits, which had been granted by a referee. UPMC, the employer, appealed, and the board remanded, directing the case to be stayed until the criminal charges were resolved.

In a subsequent hearing following disposition of the criminal charges, Green filed for and received unemployment benefits, which had been granted by a referee. UPMC, the employer, appealed, and the board remanded, directing the case to be stayed until the criminal charges were resolved.

The board contended that Green had waived this argument because it had not been presented adequately in the prior proceedings before the referee before the case had been referred to the Clinic.

The court, however, found that there was no waiver of this issue as the argument had been timely presented and preserved and furthermore agreed with the position advanced by the Clinic that, absent a specific work rule that addressed this type of non-off-duty misconduct, Green could not be disqualified for benefits under Section 402(e) of the law relating to willful misconduct because the work rule in question was inapplicable to him.

With respect to the disqualification under Section 3 of the law, relating to off-duty non-job related misconduct, a claimant can be found ineligible only if 1) his or her conduct is inconsistent with acceptable standards of behavior and 2) the conduct reflects directly upon the claimant’s ability to perform his or her assigned duties.

The court found that the plea of nolo contendere to the charge of endangering the welfare of a child satisfied the first prong of the test, but agreed with the Clinic that UPMC had offered no admissible evidence that could demonstrate that the conviction related directly upon the claimant’s ability to perform his assigned duties. In doing so, the court noted that the argument containing the employer’s summation was insufficient as a matter of law to satisfy its burden of proof and accordingly, given that the record was devoid of evidence with respect to any of the elements of the second prong of the test, the court reversed the referee and awarded benefits.

The two students involved in this case, Ms. Jones as well as Mr. Russin, are to be commended for their efforts, which involved substantial amounts of time and tireless work in pursuing this matter, in addition to their other duties at the clinic and their studies.
The Career Services Office (CSO) had a successful semester of programming in the fall. As the school year began, so did our on-campus interview (OCI) program. We are pleased to report that the number of firms and companies that came to campus to interview our students for law clerk, intern or post-graduation positions has increased by nearly 30 percent this year. In preparation for those interviews and non-OCI interviews, students were encouraged to attend an interview skills program, where they heard advice from, and asked questions of, Christine R. Hardy, L’03, Joseph A. Valenti, L’09, and third-year student Krista M. Baron.

Targeted programming for 2012 graduates was launched this semester. Throughout the fall, exclusive walk-in hours for third-year Day, fourth-year Evening and fourth-year Part-Time Day students were offered by the CSO. Early in the semester, we offered Job Search Strategies for Graduating Students: A Roadmap for Fall 2011 that was well-received by students. Information sessions about two entry-level government honors programs were held in order to inform students about these opportunities. Marcus S. Graham, L’08, spoke to students about the Presidential Management Fellowship Program, for which he was selected as a fellow upon graduation. Students also learned about the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Honors Attorney Program from Sheryl Johnson, John C. Bates, L’76, and Daniel Behrend.

In efforts to inform all students about the various job search strategies of recent graduates, the CSO partnered with the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (YLD) to present a roundtable discussion titled “Job Search Strategies That Worked For Us,” featuring Joseph R. Froetschel, Emily F. Gyory, L’09, Katie Chengerly, McGee L’11, Marla N. Presley, L’03, and Joseph R. Williams, L’09. We are pleased to be working on various initiatives and programs with Mr. Williams and Samuel I. Yamron, L’08, who are the YLD liaisons to Duquesne Law School this year. We hope these efforts will afford students additional opportunities to meet members of the local bar and contribute in meaningful ways to the profession.

In furtherance of that goal, we also held two programs with the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) this semester. The CSO worked in conjunction with the Student Bar Association to present “How to Make the Most of Your Legal Career,” where PBA YLD members Bernard C. John, L’04, Hope Guy, L’04, and Matthew T. Logue informed students of the benefits of becoming involved with the PBA. The PBA Government Lawyers Section presented a “Government Legal Careers Panel” featuring Ms. Guy, Leonidas N. Pandeladis, L’98, and Daniel D. Regan.

Our popular “Practice Area Lunch & Learn Series” included “A Career as a Prosecutor” with Francis J. Schultz, L’95, Crawford County district attorney (co-sponsored with the Criminal Law Society), and “Patent Practice” with attorney Eugene Quinn, founder of IPWatchdog.com (co-sponsored with the Duquesne Intellectual Property Law Association). We also continued our successful Solo & Small Firm Practice Series with Jeffrey D. Banner, L’09, Timothy S. Burns, L’98, and Louis F. Caputo, L’04, where they described their experiences in these settings.

In November, the inaugural Government and Public Interest Law Reception, co-hosted by the CSO and Law Clinic, was held on campus. Approximately 60 students registered for this event and had the opportunity to talk with judges and representatives from various government offices and public interest law organizations. Students commented that they now have a better sense of the work done by some of these offices after talking with our guests: Robert L. Eberhardt, L’71, Hon. D. Michael Fisher, Bruce M. Herschlag, Hon. Michael E. McCarthy, L’84, Richard Meritzer, J. Richard Narvin, L’74, Michael J. Novara, Mr. Regan, Michael K. Wahlen and Kirsha J. Weyandt, L’06.

Additional programming this fall included:

- “NAVY JAGC Information Session,” co-sponsored with the Military Law Society.
- “ACBA 1L Summer Diversity Clerkship Program Information Session” with Alysia M. Keating.
- “Networking for Professional Success” with Donna Gerson. Ms. Gerson also presented a second session for recent graduates during her visit to Pittsburgh.
- “Using Social Media in Your Job Search,” with Amanda Ellis, who also provided information in a separate session for recent graduates.
In May, **Distinguished Professor Robert S. Barker** spoke at the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello and its Legal Research Institute, in Caracas, Venezuela, and at the Universidad Fermin Toro and the Universidad Centrocincidental (both in Barquisimeto, Venezuela) on “La Corte Suprema y el Desarrollo de Constitucionalismo en los Estados Unidos” and “La Constitución de los Estados Unidos y su Influencia en la Constitución Venezolana de 1811.” These presentations were co-sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, and in Barquisimeto, by that city’s principal newspaper, El Impulso. While in Venezuela, he was a guest on Globovision TV’s “Brújula Internacional” in Caracas, and on the public affairs television program “Sin Barreras” in Barquisimeto, and was interviewed by various newspapers and radio stations in Barquisimeto. Professor Barker’s article, “Natural Law and the United States Constitution,” was published in August in Ars Boni et Aequi, the law journal of the Universidad Bernardo O’Higgins, in Santiago, Chile.


In May, **Dean Ken Gormley** was interviewed on the KDKA Sunday “Meet the Editors” show on the significance of the U.S. capture and killing of Osama bin Laden. In June, he lectured for BarBri on Pennsylvania Constitutional Law, which was broadcast statewide. Dean Gormley was a speaker at the Erie County (PA) Bar Association conference in May, when he also appeared on PCN television as commentator on Pennsylvania Superior Court session in Pittsburgh. He was the moderator of a “Conversation with Attorney General Alberto Gonzales,” Bench-Bar Conference, Allegheny County Bar Association, Seven Springs, Pa., in June. In July, he lectured on “Separation of Church & State and the Constitution” at the Duquesne Law School summer program in Vatican City/Rome, Italy; he also spoke at the East End Book Club, Summerset at Frick Park (hosted by Joan Ellenbogen, L’80). In September, he presented “100 Years of Excellence: The Centennial of Duquesne Law School in Pittsburgh” to the Estate Planning Council of Pittsburgh and at the Westmoreland County Bar Association, University of Pittsburgh Greensburg campus, Greensburg, Pa. Dean Gormley appeared on PCN television as commentator on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, on the occasion of the first televised broadcast of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court proceedings in history. In October, he received the Irish Legal 100 Award at the Irish Embassy, Washington, D.C. He was the speaker at the 32nd annual Conference of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, Miami Beach, Fla. Dean Gormley moderated “WikiLeaks, the Sequel—Preparing and Defending American Corporations Against Wholesale Disclosure of Confidential Information,” DRI Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. In November, he delivered the keynote address at the Luzerne County Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference, Wilkes-Barre. Dean Gormley published the following: 2011 Supplement to “The Pennsylvania Constitution: A Treatise on Rights & Liberties” (George T. Bisel, Philadelphia); “The Rights of the People: The Line Between Safety and Liberty—Did 9/11 Justify Bush Assault on Citizens’ Rights?” Sunday, June 26, 2011, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; and “The Law School Numbers Game: Lawyers Should Seek Justice, Not Riches,” Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**Assistant Professor Amelia Michele Joiner** was named co-director of the Law School’s Moot Trial Court Program. She will work with founding director and co-director Professor S. Michael Streib. She also presented Teaching Ethics Experientially by Adapting Advocacy Curriculums at the Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills Conference hosted by Stetson.

**Dean Ken Gormley with Jonathan Turley and Sean Murphy at the Irish Embassy**
University College of Law. The conference, which took place May 25-27, brings together the nation's top advocacy professors.


**Associate Professor Jan Levine** participated in A Talk About Tenure: Moving Forward with Your Eyes Open with Lisa Eichhorn, Cristina Lockwood, Deborah Paruch and Marilyn Walter; and a roundtable discussion, Dancing with Deans, with Christine N. Coughlin (Leg. Writing Inst. Conf., June 2011).

After successfully organizing the first China-United States Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries in Beijing, China, in 2009, **Professor Frank Yining Liu**, with a group of leading American legal information professionals, established a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization, Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL), in the United States. CAFLL’s mission is to promote access of legal information in the United States and China, and to foster the education of legal information professionals in both countries. Professor Liu was elected to serve as co-chair of the Executive Board of CAFLL.

On July 22-23, 2011, CAFLL sponsored the second China-United States Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries in Philadelphia in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Around 30 distinguished Chinese law school deans, law library directors and law professors and 60 American counterparts participated in the conference. This is the first time that a large number of Chinese and American legal information leaders, educators and professionals got together in the United States to share their experiences and expertise.

Plans have been made to hold the third CAFLL conference in Shanghai in 2013. It is expected that CAFLL will play a major role in promoting cooperation and exchange in the field of legal information and education of legal information professionals between China and the United States in the years to come.

Professor Liu was also appointed to serve as a member of the Library Committee of the Association of American Law Schools for a three-year term beginning at the conclusion of the AALS Annual Meeting in January.

**Dr. John E. Murray Jr.,** Chancellor and Professor of Law, participated in a panel on “Civility in Today’s Society” at Mt. Aloysius College, which was aired Oct. 15 by the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). Dr. Murray was also honored again as a member of the Irish Legal 100 in America by the Irish Voice.

In August, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Nancy Perkins was appointed to the Citizens Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Associate Professor John T. Rago delivered his report of The Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions at a hearing before the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee in September. The report may be found at www.innocenceproject.org/Content/Pennsylvania_Advisory_Committee_on_Wrongful_Convictions_Report_Establishes_Need_for_Reform.php.

Professor Mark Yochum presented an extremely successful CLE program, “The Lindbergh Kidnapping: Law and Drama,” with Professor William Cameron of Washington & Jefferson College on April 30. He was co-producer with the Terra Nova Theatre Group of Professor Cameron’s award-winning play Violet Sharp (a suspect in the crime) in June at the Grey Box Theater in Lawrenceville. He also appeared as Jean in The Summer Company’s production of Ionesco’s Rhinoceros here at the University. Professor Yochum’s article, “Supervision,” was published in the JURIS centennial edition with the associated CLE program “Supervision” given in Wheeling, W.Va., at the Institute for Science and Law. He was the keynote speaker at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division at Rocky Top, Md., in July. Professor Yochum’s play La Vitra Loco was selected for staged readings at the fall 2011 Pittsburgh New Works Play festival. On Oct.1, he presented for the Alumni Association a CLE, “The 1911 Bar Exam,” and was the featured ethics session for meetings of the Association of Legal Administrations in Pittsburgh.

Other Faculty News:


Dittakavi Rao, associate director for the Center for Legal Information, presented “Comprehensive Legal Research Websites,” which may be viewed at www.duq.edu/law/library/guides/howto/ComprehensiveLegalResearchWebsites.pptx.
Six legal scholars debated government, religion and the future of the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution at a conference hosted by the School of Law on Nov. 3.

The Establishment Clause prohibits Congress from making any law “respecting an establishment of religion.” At the conference, The Future of the Establishment Clause in Context: Neutrality, Religion or Avoidance?, legal experts explored the possibilities set forth by three paths into the future of religion in the public square—a new government neutrality, a new relationship of government and religion, and a new understanding of how the Establishment Clause is to be enforced.

“Many admit that the future of the Establishment Clause is in absolute disarray,” said Duquesne Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz, a constitutional law expert who presented at the conference. “Nobody knows in which direction the Supreme Court is going to go. The symposium speakers all took different positions on what the court’s future course might be and what they think it ought to be.”

Registration was at capacity for the conference. Dean Ken Gormley was pleased with the event. “This symposium sets a new standard for excellence in academic symposia at the Law School.”

Symposium presenters and their topics of discussion included:

Neutrality
• Bruce Ledewitz, professor of law, Duquesne University
• Christopher Lund, assistant professor of law, Wayne State University

Religion
• Samuel J. Levine, professor of law and director of the Jewish Law Institute, Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
• Zachary R. Calo, associate professor of law, Valparaiso University

Justiciability
• Mark C. Rahnert, the Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government, Temple University Beasley School of Law
• Richard Albert, assistant professor of law, Boston College.

Congratulations to Professor Ledewitz, whose hard work over a period of years made this event possible, and to Associate Dean Jane Moriarty, who moderated the program.

“This symposium set a new standard for excellence in academic symposia at the Law School.”

— Dean Gormley
Dear Friends of the Law School,

Founded in 1911, Duquesne University School of Law now boasts over 8,500 graduates! That number represents dedicated men and women who have applied their degree, or opportunity, as I like to refer to it, to impact the law in a positive way in both private and public sectors regionally, throughout the United States and around the world. We embody the Law School’s mission of “The Welfare of the People is the Highest Law.”

I am humbled to be the 2011-2012 president of the Law Alumni Association in this, our Centennial Celebration Year. I am honored to lead the association forward and to identify new challenges as we celebrate this wonderful achievement with our alma mater.

In the midst of a busy and exciting year, we continue to find innovative ways to support the Law School and its students. Some of our endeavors this year have included: collaborating with the Law School to proudly present the dedication of the Judges Wall on August 18; continuing to provide grants for deserving students; and supporting an expanding range of events that will provide enduring benefits to the Law School.

It is through the generous support and commitment of each one of you that the Alumni Association is able to provide these opportunities. Remaining steadfast in our mission to inspire and assist future generations of attorneys assures the continuity of bringing forward the best and brightest to serve the welfare of the people. No matter what path you have taken, you have something to offer the Law Alumni Association. We must remember the opportunity this school afforded us, and we must dedicate ourselves to continuing the tradition of honor, service and accomplishment that makes Duquesne Law School one of a kind.

I thank all of you for allowing me to serve as the Law Alumni Association president, and I am looking forward to working with each of you to continue to find new endeavors for the Law Alumni Association. To paraphrase the words of President John F. Kennedy, “Ask not what the Law School can do for you, but rather what you can do for the Law School.” I ask each of you to contribute your time and talent as well as to financially support the Alumni Association so that individually we give of ourselves and collectively we continue to use our resources to leave our mark on society as the Law School moves into its next century.

Best Wishes,

Honorable Michael E. McCarthy, ES ’84
President, Duquesne Law Alumni Association
Duquesne Law Alumni Association

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The Results Are In

An exclusive study of 16,799 partners at the nation’s largest law firms shows that almost 50 percent come from 20 schools and 75 percent from 50 schools. But 148 law schools have at least one partner. The study was conducted by Professor Ted Seto at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and is published in the Journal of Legal Education. Duquesne ranks 85th with 48 partners.

#  School  How Many
75  Albany  61
75  UC Davis  61
75  University of Washington  61
78  Indiana Indianapolis  57
78  Pennsylvania State  57
80  Southwestern  56
81  Pace  51
81  Richmond  51
83  Missouri Kansas City  50
84  Baylor  49
85  Duquesne  48
88  Florida State  47
89  Denver  46
90  McGeorge  44
90  SUNY Buffalo  44
92  Colorado  43
93  Brigham Young  41
94  Tennessee  40
95  Alabama  39
96  Baltimore  38
Pittsburgh Fall Reception

LeMont Restaurant — October 25, 2011

DLAA President Mike McCarthy and Dean Ken Gormley with this year’s recipients of the Excellence in Legal Writing Awards. This year’s awardees are second-year students Alex Barker, Jonathan Ehret, Allison Fogg, Jeffrey Friedrich, Brian Gallagher, Tiffany Jenca, Michael McElwee, Michael McGraw, Caitlin Miller, Shayna Petrella, Linda Postol, Tim Scelsi, Andrew Stiffler and Ryan Wilk.

Katlin Connelly, L’11, Amie Mihalko, L’08, and Stephanie Solomon, L’08

Mike Dutkovitch, L’00, Alex Alioto, L’10, Stephanie Blei, L’05, and John McCabe, L’99

Karen Ferri, L’81, and Robert Leight, L’81

Brennan Hart, L’73, Chris Hart, L’10, and Ashley DeCicco, L’11

Vivian Taylor, L’10, and Eric Springer

Melissa Ruefle Spencer and Jessica Jurasko
1961
The following members of the class of 1961 were recently honored by the Allegheny County Bar Association as 50 year practitioners: James E. Coyne, George C. Diamantopulos, James P. Lochner, Paul A. Manion, and John F. McGinty.

1965
Edward O'Connor received the Central Catholic High School 2011 Distinguished Alumnus in Law Award, honoring him for exemplifying the values of scholarship, leadership, service and character in the Central Catholic tradition.

1967
H. Arnold Gefsky received the Emanuel Spector Award for 2011. The Spector Award, the highest honor presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, is given for exemplary service to the community, the recipient having made a contribution of significant value or merit to the city’s civic philanthropic development.

1968
John R. McGinley was named to The Irish Voice, America’s Irish Legal 100, a list of the top 100 Irish attorneys in the United States.

1974
David Pollock was elected to the board of managers of the USA Chapter of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He was also re-elected treasurer of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is in his 16th year as editor-in-chief of Pennsylvania Family Lawyer, the official quarterly publication of the Pennsylvania Bar Association family law section.

John S. Vento was appointed to the Governing Committee of the American Bar Association’s Forum on the Construction Industry.

1975
Daniel M. Darragh was appointed to head of the litigation practice group of Cohen & Grigsby.

Harvey R. Linder received the 2010 Man of the Year Award from Congregation Beth Jacob in Atlanta for the numerous hours of pro bono legal work he provided to the organization. He also serves as the current president of the Atlanta Scholars Kollel, the largest organization of Jewish adult education and outreach in the United States.

1974
William J. O’Rourke is the newly appointed Director of Business Ethics at the Duquesne University Beard Institute.

1977
Phoebe A. Haddon received the 2011 Great Teacher Award from the Society of American Law Teachers honoring her work for justice and diversity.

1978
Zelda G. Curtis was honored at the 2011 Women and Girls Foundation annual gala celebration of “Women Greening Pittsburgh.”

John W. McTiernan received the prestigious distinction of the Irvin Stander Award for Professionalism in Workers’ Compensation for 2011 presented by The Pennsylvania Bar Association.

1979
Carlota Böhmann-Zottola was appointed as a bankruptcy judge for the Federal District Court, Western Pa. She also was honored with the El Sol Award from The Hispanic Attorneys Committee for her many accomplishments and contributions to her profession and the community.

William E. Kelleher Jr. has received his recertification as a business bankruptcy specialist by the American Board of Certification, a specialty organization sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Commercial Law League of America.

Mary K. McDonald is chair-elect of the Allegheny County Bar Association family law section and serves on the ACBA board of governors.

Mark R. Zimmer was appointed by Gov. Tom Corbett as chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

1980
Hon. Cynthia A. Baldwin was a recipient of the Duquesne University Century Club of Distinguished Alumni Award for 2011.

1981
Patricia L. Dodge was appointed to a three-year term as a hearing committee member serving the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

1982
Paul A. Michels was named to The Irish Voice, America’s Irish Legal 100, a list of the top 100 Irish attorneys in the United States.

1983
Carol A. Behers was elected president of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation to serve a two-year term.

Anthony W. Fabio is a teacher at the C.E. Byrd High School of Shreveport, La., where he is teaching inner-city high school students to read.

Rev. Connie Frierson became the associate pastor at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pa. Frierson earned a Master of Divinity Degree form Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2009, served in the Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Corps for five years, rising to captain, and worked as a civilian attorney.

Cheryl R. McAbee joined the board of the Three Rivers Adoption Council.

Charlene R. McAbee joined the board of the Three Rivers Adoption Council.
Marie Milie Jones received the 2011 St. Thomas Award by the St. Thomas More Society and was a recipient of the 2011 Duquesne University Women of Distinction Award from the The Women’s Advisory Board of Duquesne University.

1988
Alexander P. Bicket was elected to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

Joseph H. Bucci was elected to serve a two-year term as president of the board of directors of the Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania’s housing organization, Spina Bifida Housing, Inc.

1989
David T. Fisfis accepted a position as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary, for Duquesne Light Company.

1990
Paul J. Giuffre joined Sheerer & Associates.

Robert J. Hannen joined Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott as a member in the Southpointe office in the litigation, labor and employment, financial institutions and health care practice groups.

1991
Anthony C. Carone joined Pion, Johnston, Nerone, Girman, Clements & Smith, P.C. as a shareholder chairing the workers’ compensation department.

1992
Mäny Emamzadeh was elected to the board of trustees of the Pittsburgh Public Theater.

1993
Daniel L. DeMarco was elected first vice chair of the Congress of Neighboring Communities, an organization which promotes cooperation and collaboration between the City of Pittsburgh and the 35 municipalities that share a border with the city.

Kelly A. Isenberg is a law clerk to the Hon. Andrew Dowling.

Hon. Michael Marmo was elected to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

1994
Brian Keith Parker was named managing partner of McGuireWoods’ Pittsburgh Office.

Michael H. Winek was appointed a member of the Department of Environmental Protection’s Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee for a two-year term.

1995
Hon. Francis J. Schultz was elected president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

1996
Eric L. Bradley joined Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. concentrating his practice in the area of commercial real estate transactions.

Sheila Burke Duffy and her husband, John, celebrated the birth of their child, Eamon Michael.

1997
Brian J. Golias joining Metz Lewis LLC as a member in the Commercial Finance and Corporate and Business Law practice areas.

Heather C.M. Rogers became the chair of the 4,877-member Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association for the 2011-12 term.

1998
Dana L. Basci joined the Council on Litigation Management’s Premises Liability Committee.

Jan E. Jumet recently opened a new office in Scottsdale, Ariz., for the financial planning and investment services firm he co-founded in 2006—Allocated Financial Planning.

1999
John M. Tedder joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a director and a member of the newly formed construction services group.

1984
Hon. Michael E. McCarthy was named to The Irish Voice, America’s Irish Legal 100, and was recognized as the 2011 Friend and Patriot of the Year at the annual Soldiers and Sailors Cannon Ball Military Follies Revue for his work raising consciousness about issues facing veterans and for spearheading a diversionary veterans’ court which helps local veterans.

1987
Tom Gricks is chairman of e-Discovery practice group of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP.
Terry J. Yandrich was named director of risk management and patient safety at Jefferson Regional Medical Center.

2000
James F. Glunt was appointed to serve on the Early Learning Investment Commission by Gov. Tom Corbett.

2001
Alka A. Patel accepted a position as managing director and senior counsel of BNY Mellon in Pittsburgh.

2002
Lauren N. Diulus and her husband, Gregory C. Scheuring, L’02, celebrated the birth of a baby, Allison Michelle.

Meghan E. Jones-Rolla accepted a position as corporate counsel of ServiceLink, a division of Chicago Title Insurance Company.

Mary C. McGinley was presented with the Allegheny County Bar Association 2011 YLD Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

Michael A. Rynn and his wife, Amy, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Anna Kathleen; and Rynn joined FedEx Ground as a senior attorney in the legal department’s contractor model support group.

Mark A. Smith opened his own practice, The Law Office of Mark A. Smith, focusing on medical malpractice and personal injury.

2003
Kristen A. Budris was elected to the board of the residential rehabilitation program Sojourner House and Sojourner House MOMS.

Brian J. Kahle was appointed to the board of directors of Glade Run Lutheran Services.

Robert F. Kravetz received the 2011 Younger Federal Lawyer Award from the Federal Bar Association. This award is presented to U.S. government attorneys, under the age of 36, who have exhibited outstanding performance and professionalism.

Rachel L. Smydo accepted a position in the Pittsburgh office of Thorp Reed Armstrong as senior counsel, focusing on securities reporting compliance and corporate governance law.

2004
Michele P. Sabo was elected to the board of the residential rehabilitation program Sojourner House and Sojourner House MOMS.

2005
Stephen E. Cropper accepted a position as the chief meteorologist for WPXI.

M. Elizabeth Fischman joined Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP as a member of the firm’s litigation department.

Robert Max Junker was selected to serve on the Pennsylvania House of Representatives’ Property Assessment Task Force.

Matthew M. Mohn was named a 2011 Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Legal Intelligencer and The PA Law Weekly.

Mariah L. Passarelli joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C. as an associate focusing on employment and labor law issues.

Colleen M. Tremi has been named chief marketing officer at Burns White LLC.

Christine L. Zaremski-Young was just inducted into the Multi-million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

2006
Sarah L. Andrews and her husband, Steve, 4E, celebrated the birth of their second son, Ulysses Samuel.

Geoffrey W. Melada joined the Pittsburgh Office of Reed Smith LLP in the business and finance and litigation departments.

Matthew J. Rippin joined Goehring, Rutter & Boehm as an associate within the firm’s real estate law group, with a focus on commercial real estate.

2007
April Trimble Dugan joined Ogletree Deakins as an associate focusing on all aspects of employment-related litigation as well as counseling employers on litigation avoidance and compliance under employment discrimination laws and wage hour statutes.

J. M. Herzog accepted a position as the director of employer recruitment in the Career Services Office of Pitt’s Law School.

Kathleen A. Kuznicki accepted a position with Lynch Weiss, LLC as an associate in the newly formed Intellectual Property Group.

Lt. Guy Reschenthaler was recently named the co-recipient for the 2011 Michael Taylor Shelby Award for Professionalism in Federal Service. This award is given to recognize an attorney in federal service in the Southern District of Texas who exhibits outstanding dedication, ethics and professionalism in the practice of law on behalf of the federal government.

2008
Ann Horowitz Cook is a law clerk to the Hon. Michael J. Beale at Midland County Circuit Court in Michigan.

James D. Miller joined Babst Calland as an associate in the litigation and construction services group.
Michael J. Moyer joined the Philadelphia firm Friedman Schuman as an associate concentrating in the estate planning and wealth preservation, and corporate and business law practice areas.

Bryan D. Rohm accepted a position as an associate in the Pittsburgh office of K&L. Gates, focusing on oil and gas and commercial disputes.

Kelly M. Ariosto was selected to participate in the Allegheny County Bar Association’s 2011-2012 Bar Leadership initiative. This program, developed by ACBA’s Young Lawyers Division, is aimed at aiding and encouraging young attorneys in their professional development and positioning them to take on leadership roles in the ACBA.

Thomas G. Donahue joined the Junior Achievement inaugural Young Professional Board committed to advancing JA’s mission by promoting interest and generating support within the young professional segment.

Devon A. Kinnard is the vice president of business development & general counsel at Pat Hoey Productions in Auburn, Mass.

Megan A. Mariani accepted a position as an associate with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney P.C. focusing on energy law, with particular emphasis on oil and gas matters.

Hon. Brandon P. Neuman married Carrie Sechler on Sept. 17.

Anya Ryjkova accepted a position at Shell Oil Company as a title analyst.

Joseph R. Williams was elected to serve a two-year term on the Young Lawyers Division Council of the Allegheny County Bar Association. Williams will also serve as the liaison between Duquesne Law School and the ACBA Young Lawyers Division. He is also a member of the Allegheny County Chapter of Matrimonial Inns of Court.

James S. Anderson joined the Law Offices of Benjamin F. Goodwin, Esquire, as an associate.

Matthew J. Fischer accepted a position at Burnett & Thomason as a title attorney specializing in oil and gas law.

Stephanie L. Henry joined Hoffmeyer & Semmelman, LLP as an associate focusing on civil matters, estates and trusts and real estate law.

Aaron W. Smith is a crew chief/senior field operative at Holland Services in Noble and Monroe counties, Ohio.

Paloma Araujo accepted a position as a law clerk for the Hon. Roger N. Nanovic, president judge of Carbon County Courts.

Ciara F. Boice accepted a position at MEDVAL as a staff attorney.

Katlin L. Connelly is an associate at Burns White, in the firm’s Pittsburgh office, where she focuses her practice in the areas of healthcare and long-term care, litigation and products liability.

Elizabeth J. Fischer accepted a position as Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.
Katie Chengary McGee married Gregory T. McGee on Sept. 17.

David E. Renner joined Leech Tishman as an associate in the Employment and Litigation Practice Groups.

Curtis M. Schaffner married Kristen Friedrich on Sept. 10, 2011.

Justin M. Tuskan joined Keevican Weiss Bauerle & Hirsh LLC as an associate concentrating on banking, corporate law and real estate matters.

Ashley L. Yeager joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C. as an associate focusing on employment and labor law issues.

Gillian Pavlek married Greg Flick on April 16.

Correction:
In the Spring 2011 issue, we erroneously reported that Ira Weiss, L’73, was appointed director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. He was named to the Local Government Committee for Gov. Tom Corbett’s transition team.

In Memoriam
It is with deep sadness that we list the following Law School alumni who passed away between April 30, 2011, and Nov. 5, 2011:

- James R. Apple, Esq., L’82
- Vincent R. Baginski, Esq., L’74
- Philip R. Boscarell, Esq., L’73
- Richard F. Brabender, Sr., L’52
- John D. Ceraso, Esq., L’90
- Aaron J. DeLuca, Esq., L’95
- Peter Foster, Esq., L’71
- Russell C. Frazee, Esq., L’80
- Donald P. Fusilli, Esq., L’79
- C. Donald Gates, Esq., L’58
- H.W. Haeusler, Esq., L’82
- Thomas R. Harris, Esq., L’74
- Joseph G. Kanfoush, Esq., L’73
- Thomas J. Kessinger, Esq., L’52
- Dr. Judith E. Orie, L’95
- Daniel J. Parent, Sr., Esq., L’71
- John F. Ploeger, Esq., L’80
- Donald B. Smith, Esq., L’79
- Albert Wehan III, Esq., L’83

This list is provided through Duquesne University’s Advancement Records Office and may not be complete. If you have information about a Law School alumnus who has passed away this past year and is not listed, please contact the Law Alumni Office at 412.396.5215 so that we may update our records.

SAVE THE DATES!

Philadelphia-Area Law Alumni Reception
February 23, 2012

An Afternoon with Judge Richard Posner
March 22, 2012

60th Annual Law Alumni Reunion Dinner
April 20, 2012
The Student Bar Association has been hard at work pursuing academic, leadership and public service initiatives at the Law School.

The academic year began with our annual orientation week, which culminated with our popular student organizations fair. At this event, over 20 Law School student organizations had informational booths set up to provide first-year law students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with what our many student organizations have to offer. These organizations assist students in adjusting to life as law students, introducing them to various practice areas and enhancing their experience during their time on the Bluff.

Related to the curriculum, the SBA worked hand-in-hand with the faculty to develop a proposal to increase the number of non-traditional or non-classroom credits that a student can make. The students desired an increase in the number of non-classroom credits so they could attain more practical experience that would prepare them for the challenging legal market that they face upon graduation. As a result of this cooperative effort, the faculty approved the SBA proposal to permit students to have up to 18 non-classroom credits count toward graduation.

The SBA also has advanced the goal of achieving more national recognition through leadership roles in the American Bar Association. We began our year on good footing with a prestigious appointment of ABA representative Peter Reith to the position of lieutenant governor of ABA representatives for the Third Circuit in early August. This is the first time in a number of years that a Duquesne student has held such a prominent leadership role in the ABA, and we hope to continue on this trajectory.

In addition, the SBA continues to focus on public service through the SBA Centennial Endowed Fund and other service projects. The SBA is working toward endowing the SBA Centennial Endowed Fund, which will provide scholarships to students. This fund is supported by proceeds from the Katie Westbrook Race and additional fundraising efforts of the SBA. Once the fund is endowed, the interest will support annual awards to worthy law students into perpetuity.

The SBA will continue its efforts to serve the students and alumni of Duquesne University School of Law. We look forward to continuing the great relationship that our predecessors have established.

Devlin Fisher
President, Student Bar Association
For the first time, the Duquesne Law School was invited to participate in the National Civil Trial Competition (NCTC) hosted by Loyola Los Angeles Law School, Nov. 10-12. The NCTC is a top competition that invites only the top trial advocacy programs in the country to participate. This year, the Duquesne team came in second in the country. We were represented by student-advocates Clancy Boylan, Sarah Bronder, Clarissa Chenoweth and Brendan McKenna. The team was coached by Professor Amelia Michele Joiner.

After three grueling days of competition against the nation’s finest advocates, the Duquesne trial team advanced to the championship round, defeating teams from trial advocacy powerhouses including University of Maryland and Chicago Kent University. In the end, the Duquesne team came in second to Pepperdine University and earned a standing ovation from its fellow competitors. Our own Clarissa Chenoweth won the title of Best Advocate for the overall competition. We received tremendous help from attorneys Robert Marino, L’79 (Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote); Peter Giglione, L’02 (Wilkes McHugh); and David Klaber (K&L Gates).

Trial team members Sara Brown, Kevin Marshall, Michael Megrey and Lauren Oelrich recently represented the Law School...
in the **Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Invitational Competition**, Nov. 4-6. The Buffalo Niagara competition is the largest invitational competition in the country and is touted as inviting superior trial teams from all over the country. The competition is considered one of the best for showcasing advocacy skills. The team, which was coached by Professor S. Michael Streib, competed with 30 schools from across the nation. Teams from the New England area, Washington, Texas, Georgia, Illinois and elsewhere were thoroughly impressed by the talent displayed by our students. The Duquesne trial team finished as **quarterfinalists** in this prestigious competition.

In the meantime, the Law School’s Trial Advocacy program has been busy in numerous other competitions representing our school across the nation. Under the direction of co-directors Streib and Joiner, 16 talented students represented the Law School in other major invitational competitions, including **San Diego Defense Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition (SDDL)** and **NITA Tournament of Champions (TOC)**.

The SDDL trial team, which consisted of trial team members Jorie Bagnato, Arnold Bernard, Peter Biscontini and Christopher Johnson, performed exceptionally well, trying a personal injury case over a three-day period. These first-time competitors made a strong showing in San Diego (Oct. 13-15), making certain that the Law School’s name and reputation are further recognized across the nation. The team, coached by Adjunct Professor Pete Giglione and Professor Joiner, displayed strong advocacy skills and impeccable ethics.

In addition, trial team members Emily Comport, Ashley Jendrasik, Alicia Sutton and Lauren Woleslagle represented the Law School in the **NITA Tournament of Champions (TOC)**, Oct. 26-30. For more than 15 years, the TOC has invited only the top 16 trial advocacy programs to participate in this most prestigious event. Duquesne’s trial team, which was coached by Adjunct Professor A. Michael Gianantonio, L’02, made an exceptionally strong showing in trials against University of Colorado, Northwestern University, Loyola Law School Chicago and Cumberland.

The Trial Advocacy Program is grateful to the Honorable Joy Flowers Conti for graciously supporting the teams during their preparations for these competitions.
An event truly highlighting the spirit of Duquesne Law is the annual Katie Westbrook Race Ipsa Loquitur 5k Walk & Run. Hosted by the Duquesne University School of Law Student Bar Association, the race is dedicated to the memory of Katie Westbrook, who, at the age of 13, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Even from a very young age, Katie dreamed of one day becoming a lawyer. After her diagnosis, she contacted faculty members at Duquesne with the hopes of making her dream a reality. On June 3, 2001, just hours before Katie was to receive an honorary degree, she lost her battle with cancer at the age of 15. Katie touched the hearts of all who were privileged enough to meet her and showed how truly brave a young girl could be.

In keeping with tradition, the Student Bar Association, along with the University, proudly upheld her memory through this event. Devlin Fisher, president of the Student Bar Association, noted that the Katie Westbrook race is “one of the most important events” the Student Bar Association is involved in with respect to “directly benefiting law students.” The race took place Oct. 22, with 76 students and faculty registering to run. This year we proudly raised over $4,200 in charitable donations. All proceeds were donated to the SBA Centennial Endowed Fund, with the goal of providing awards for current law students who demonstrate the same “courage, charisma and compassion” as Katie for the law profession. More information is available through the Student Bar Association’s web page, www.duq.edu/sba.

Duquesne Law Student Named 2011-12 Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellow

Christy Gamble, 2D, was one of six students from Pittsburgh selected in June to join the prestigious Schweitzer Fellows’ new Environmental Fellows Initiative, sponsored by The Heinz Endowments. Gamble will work with the Hill District minority high school students through the Kassi Leadership Program, which shows teens how they can influence environmental policy. She will provide after-school mentoring, skills and education regarding effects of the environment on health.
New Moot Court Board Team Excels at Regional Competition

Our newly formed Appellate Moot Court Board students competed at the Regional ABA Arbitration Competition at the Salmon Chase College of Law in northern Kentucky, Nov. 12-14. Our team of Frank Stoy, Christina Zanic, Kate Lewis and Stephen Guzzetti advanced to the final round, earning them a spot in the national championship in Chicago in January 2012. Our other team of 2Ls (Kelly McCauley, David James, Andrew Stiffler and Natalie D'Antonio) also did a fabulous job. The teams were coached by Professor Al Peláez, Sarah Andrews, L’06, Keaton Carr, L’11, and Abigail Marusic, L’11. They were advised by the faculty advisory committee to the Appellate Moot Court Board: professors Erin Karsman, Julia Glencer, Tara Willkie and Al Peláez; Assistant Dean Ella Kwisnek; and Associate Dean Nancy Perkins.

Law School Students Model at the Freshman Mothers’ Luncheon

Law students Stephanie Jones (4E), Elizabeth Brokaw (4E) and Mary Frances Woods (1L) volunteered to model Barnes & Noble attire Sept. 25 at the Freshman Mothers’ Luncheon. The event, which began in the 1950s, is hosted by the Duquesne University Women’s Guild.

Law School Blood Drive Competition with the University of Pittsburgh

The Student Bar Association and the Student Organization Office threw down the gauntlet to reinstate the “Golden Gavel Olympics” with our friends at the University of Pittsburgh Law School. The law schools started their version of the Olympics in 2004 with a blood drive competition. We continued that tradition Oct. 26 with a blood drive. SBA President Devlin Fisher and our vampire extraordinaire, Dean Ken Gormley, encouraged the students and faculty to make their life-saving donations. Despite the gallant efforts of our student body and faculty, Pitt will now be in possession of the Golden Gavel trophy. The good news is that 65 pints of blood were drawn between the universities, all for a great cause, and we have a rematch scheduled in March 2012.

The Great Case Competition

Congratulations to third-year students Joe D’Amico and Mark Troyan, second-place winners, and Kiran Patel and Gabriela Steier, third-place winners, of the Great Case Competition at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Oct. 13. During this competition, 31 two-member teams from Law, Graduate Business and Graduate Public Policy at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University and Carnegie Mellon University competed in a case analysis and challenge involving Corporate Ethics and Corporate Responsibility. The Duquesne teams were advised by Associate Professor Ron Ricci.
The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare): Perspectives on the Law

On Oct. 26, the Federalist Society, Health Law Society and American Constitution Society hosted a panel discussion on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). More than 100 attendees from the schools of law, nursing, pharmacy and political science were in attendance.

Speaking on the panel were Ilya Shapiro, Esq., a senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute; Phil Zarone, Esq., a partner at Hasty, Springer & Mattern; and Dr. Vincent Giannetti, a professor of pharmaceutical administration in the Duquesne University School of Pharmacy. The moderator for the event was Richard Gaffney, Esq., director of bar services and adjunct professor of law at the Duquesne University School of Law.

Dr. Giannetti spoke about the practitioner’s perspective of health care law and the factual basis behind reforming the health care system. Next, Attorney Zarone discussed the health care lawyers’ perspective and what Obamacare will mean for those practicing law in this area. Finally, Attorney Shapiro addressed the litigation in the federal courts and noted that he believed that the individual mandate portion of the act was unconstitutional.

University GC Speaks about Animal Law Updates

On October 3, the Animal Law Society was honored to host Linda Drago, Esq., as its first speaker of the school year. Ms. Drago serves as vice president for Legal Affairs and general counsel at Duquesne University. She is an adoption consultant for Going Home Greyhounds, a non-profit organization that facilitates the placement of retired racing greyhounds into permanent homes, and is also an advisory board member for Animal Friends, a Pittsburgh no-kill shelter. Ms. Drago spoke on specific issues related to retired racing greyhounds and the progress that has been made in their placement into “forever homes” in recent years. She also spoke about the impact that legislation has had on animal rights and protection in recent years, and on the need for additional animal law reforms in many areas. She encouraged law students to become proactive and to make a difference in the care and protection of animals in the region and the country through legislation.

Student Places First in ABA Competition

Jonathan Steele, a third-year student at The Duquesne University School of Law, was selected as the first-place winner in the American Bar Association (ABA), Section of Litigation’s Law Student Good Works Competition. Jonathan traveled to the section’s spring business meeting in Dana Point, Calif., on June 23-25 to present his Good Works proposal to over 200 section leaders. His proposal will create an interactive website, called The Student Advocate, designed to simplify special education laws for parents. The Student Advocate will feature a live national webcast where viewers across the country can ask questions directly to special education experts. The website will include additional user-friendly tools such as a blog and video library. The ABA will provide $10,000 to fund Jonathan’s project. You can view Jonathan’s website at www.thestudentadvocate.com.
Richard Gaffney, director of bar services and adjunct professor of law, delivered a CLE presentation in the Dean John J. Sciullo Continuing Education series on Sept. 24 on Character and Fitness: Ethical Issues for Legal Education and the Practice of Law. He also attended a conference titled Anatomy of the Bar Exam hosted by the National Conference of Bar Examiners in Madison, Wis., Oct. 2-4.

Associate dean of students and vice dean of the Evening Division Ella Kwisnek was elected co-president of the Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania.

The Law School welcomes Devin Misour, L’11, as the new director of the Academic Excellence Program. Misour is a 2006 graduate of Syracuse University, where he graduated with degrees in philosophy and political science. While at Duquesne, he served as a teaching assistant to Professor Erin Karsman and as research assistant to Dean Ken Gormley; he was also a student intern with Hon. Terrence F. McVerry in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and was a summer law clerk at the Pittsburgh law firm Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo and Miller.

Anne S. Peterson, director of e-discovery education and services and adjunct clinical professor of law, co-authored an article titled “Predictive Coding Primer” for the BNA publication Digital Discovery and e-Evidence, 11 DDEE 429, 10/27/2011 (co-authors Robert Eisenberg, co-founder of the Advanced eDiscovery Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, and Daniel D’Angelo, L’11). She also participated in a panel at the Advanced e-Discovery Institute at Georgetown Law on Nov. 4 on Risk Management for eDiscovery before the members of the eDiscovery Training Academy Practice Support Group.

Eric Springer, special advisor to the dean, was recognized for his work fighting the civil rights battle from behind the scenes in receiving the 2011 Legacy Award as part of the New Pittsburgh Courier’s 50 Men of Excellence. Springer, who has practiced law for over 50 years, worked with Thurgood Marshall to prepare the litigation related to the Brown vs. Board of Education victory.
In an effort to help professionals and students keep pace with the ever-diversifying field of forensic science, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law this fall hosted programs ranging from the behavioral analysis of predators to the role of accountants in civil and white collar criminal litigation.

*Predators and Their Prey*, the Institute’s 11th annual conference, convened experts in psychology and psychiatry, criminal law, victimology and related fields over the course of two days in October to address topics relating to the investigation and adjudication of sexual and violent serial offenders.

Featuring presentations by noted experts such as Dr. Allan Pass, an expert on sexual offenders; Professor Katherine Ramsland, a scholar of decades of interviews with criminal predators; and former FBI behavioral analyst Mark Safarik, an authority on elder sexual homicide, the program was highlighted by the appearance of the only surviving victim of a serial rapist and murderer who is believed to have killed several area women before taking his own life during a traffic stop in Butler County in 1988.

“In an era of technology-assisted serial killers, pedophiles and scam artists, we consider it important to do our part in educating criminal legal professionals, health care providers, students and the general public alike about the minds and actions of such predatory individuals and those on whom they prey,” said Institute Director Frederick Fochtman. “We hope our recent conference met that objective.”

**Forensic Fridays Delve Into New Terrain**

In other professional educational activity this fall, the Institute hosted two *Forensic Fridays* seminars delving into subject areas not typically associated with forensic science—the use of specially trained accountants in a variety of civil and white collar criminal cases, and the critical role of financial experts in divorce litigation during economic downturns.

With the spring semester fast approaching, the Institute is looking forward to its first offering of the season—a full-day seminar exploring the obligations, procedures and pitfalls of reporting child abuse. Scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20, the program will convene local and regional authorities in the areas of forensic interviewing, police investigation, prosecution and criminal defense.

“As the Penn State University scandal involving allegations of child sexual abuse and cover-up by university officials continues to unfold, we felt it important to do our part to shed light on the broader subject matter,” Fochtman said.

At the tail end of the season, on Friday, May 18, the Institute will be offering another full-day program, this one a collaborative seminar with the Duquesne University schools of law and nursing addressing the highly controversial subject of shaken baby syndrome.

“As a recent cover story in *The New York Times Magazine* showed, shaken baby syndrome is a tricky diagnosis to make and is proving an often unreliable basis for criminal convictions,” said Institute Advisory Board Chairman Cyril H. Wecht, a forensic pathology consultant on several such cases. “Our aim is to cut through the controversy and shed more light on the scientific and legal issues underlying this diagnosis.”

In between those two seminars, the Institute will be hosting three half-day programs in areas such as legal nurse consulting and private investigation. Topics, speakers and dates will be announced on the Institute’s website and to its email list as they are confirmed.

Established in fall of 2000, the Wecht Institute collaborates with the University’s schools of Law, Nursing, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Liberal Arts, Education, Health Sciences, and Leadership and Professional Advancement, as well as other academic institutions throughout the region, to create and support multidisciplinary courses of degree and non-degree study designed to educate students about the vast reach of the forensic sciences in today’s society. Through its conferences, seminars, workshops and publications, the Institute seeks to engender in its participants a multidisciplinary approach to the application of science to the law in our collective search for truth and social justice. To learn more about the Institute or to add your name to our email list, please visit [www.duq.edu/forensics](http://www.duq.edu/forensics) or contact us at [412.396.1330](tel:412.396.1330) or [wechtinstitute@duq.edu](mailto:wechtinstitute@duq.edu).