Penn Law School got a taste of first Monday in early October when Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy visited just days before the start of the Court’s new session. Justice Kennedy participated in a Q&A with Dean Michael A. Fitts, taught a constitutional law class, and met with students as part of the new Visiting Jurist Program, which is designed to promote closer ties between eminent members of the judiciary and law students. During the Q&A attended by alumni, Kennedy discussed the role of law schools and the importance of ethics in legal education, also touching on the potential use of cameras in the Court and the evolution of gay rights.

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We were honored to host U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy at the Law School in early October. When we opened the floor to questions, one member of the audience, a Penn Law alumnus, asked him to address the Court’s evolution on gay rights. Justice Kennedy, here to inaugurate our Visiting Jurist Program, noted the acceleration of gay rights and said “The nature of injustice is that you can’t see it in your own time.”

It appears that we are now seeing it and moving ahead with a speed not seen since Brown v. Board of Education led to the end of Jim Crow and the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

Members of the Penn Law community have been at the forefront in the movement for gay rights, which I consider the civil rights issue of our time. Newsweek and other publications consistently rank Penn as the best school in the country for gay students. It is easy to see why. Gay students make up eight percent of the incoming class, and seven of the last ten class presidents have been gay, including Dee Spagnuolo L’03.

Dee is featured in our cover story about Penn Law’s gay community. She and her partner were the first gay couple to receive a marriage license in Pennsylvania. Since same-sex marriage is illegal in Pennsylvania, the state is trying to revoke the license, and Dee is fighting it.

Curiously, with the barrier to gay marriage now removed in New Jersey, Pennsylvania stands as the only state in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast to prohibit same-sex marriage or civil unions.

Dee and many of her contemporaries are trying to change that. In a separate case, a group of Penn Law alumni — Mary Catherine Roper L’93, John Stapleton L’02, Dylan Steinberg L’06, and Rebecca Melley L’07 — are working with Penn Law professor Seth Kreimer to overturn the state law. Two Penn Law lecturers have also joined the case. What makes this impromptu legal team so interesting is that some of the students learned how to bring such legal challenges in Seth’s constitutional litigation class, and are now applying those lessons in a high-stakes case. When I say that we are grooming future leaders, this is what I mean.

At Penn Law, we focus on what brings us together rather than what separates us. That is why we opened our doors a few years ago to an accomplished student who spent the first year at a fine law school but faced barriers there that ultimately led him to transfer to Penn. That school was not as welcoming to gays, as the dean of that institution recognized when he called me and asked us to accept the student. At the time, it never occurred to me that sexual orientation could pose problems at a major law school, or, for that matter, should have anything to do with success at law school. I still feel the same way. Incidentally, that student fared quite well here, graduating cum laude.

Mike
An IP Course That Might Be a Portal to the Future

PENN LAW PROFESSOR POLK WAGNER is gearing up for his Introduction to Intellectual Property class. He will cover all of the usual areas, such as copyright, patents and trademarks. But that’s where the similarity ends. There will be no lecture hall or textbooks, grades or final exams. And not a single Penn Law student will enroll.

Wagner is about to embark on a grand experiment, otherwise known as Coursera, an online system used to teach hundreds and sometimes thousands of people parked in front of their computers in locations around the globe. These ‘students’ will watch and listen to Wagner’s scaled-down IP course for non-lawyers on their own schedules, twice a week for six weeks. They will complete readings and other assignments, ask questions after eight-to-twelve-minute teaching spurts, participate in guided discussions, take quizzes and earn a certificate of completion after meeting the requirements. Best of all, the course is free.

Although Wagner does not yet know the composition of his class, or how many will enroll, he suspects there could be interest from non-Americans who want or need to learn about the U.S. legal system, as well as engineers and business people whose work involves IP.

“I’ve always looked for other ways to teach, and this interested me a lot,” said Wagner, who volunteered to teach the course and will be the first member of the law school faculty to use Coursera.

Coursera is the brainchild of two Stanford professors who created an online platform for non-credit classes. Penn is one of the partner institutions. Online education has faced criticism, mainly concerns about high dropout rates and the quality of some of the courses.

“It’s not clear how this is all going to play out,” admitted Wagner, who nonetheless sees real opportunities for the Law School and the University.

Wagner said Coursera offers a way to reach more potential students and to spread the word about Penn’s excellence. He also thinks online instruction may one day augment traditional teaching methods by providing faculty the tools to cover basic material remotely and free up classroom time for more hands-on work and group participation.

Quattrone Center Names Criminal Justice Reformer as Executive Director

JOHN F. HOLLWAY C’92, the founder of a consulting firm specializing in criminal justice reform research projects, has been appointed associate dean and executive director of the new Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice.

Hollway, author of an award-winning book about a pivotal ex-enration case that resulted in an
important Supreme Court decision, will be charged with establishing the Quattrone Center as a national research and policy hub focused on long-term improvements to the U.S. criminal justice system. He brings significant fundraising and management experience to the task.

After graduating from George Washington University Law School in 1995, Hollway began his career in the litigation section of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. From 1997 to 2011, he held a variety of senior management and leadership roles in the health care and pharmaceutical industries, where his responsibilities included business development, operations, strategy, and corporate development.

Hollway is the author of Killing Time: An 18-Year Odyssey from Death Row to Freedom, which covered the case of John Thompson, a Louisiana death row inmate who was exonerated and freed after 18 years in prison. Thompson was the plaintiff in the pivotal Supreme Court decision, Connick v. Thompson. Killing Time won the National Independent Book Award for nonfiction in 2011, and was one of the Chicago Sun Times’ Best Books of the Year in 2010.

In 2012, he founded Hollway Advisory Services, a consulting firm specializing in criminal justice reform research projects, including the California Wrongful Convictions Project, which is identifying and measuring the costs of all wrongful convictions in California and federal courts.

With Hollway’s appointment, the Law School is now focused on a national search for the Center’s academic director, who will be the Quattrone professor at the University.

**Penn Law and Engineering Create Program to Address Thorny Issues in Law and Technology**

**PENN LAW** and the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) are launching a new joint degree program to provide lawyers and engineers with the knowledge they need to understand the complex issues involved in technology policy.

From the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the patentability of human genes, to the controversy over the National Security Agency’s PRISM surveillance program, to the debate over network neutrality and regulation of the Internet, the ability to solve many of today’s pressing problems depends on a deep grounding in both the law and technology.

The program will begin in the 2014-15 school year. Students pursuing the joint degree in Law and Technology will typically spend their first year at the Law School and second at SEAS. In years three and four, students will take classes in both schools and participate in a capstone course on Technology and Policy co-taught by faculty from both schools. Students may pursue any Engineering Master’s degree, depending on background, qualifications, and interest.

Penn is home to a leading interdisciplinary think tank on technology issues called the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition, which will serve as a strong foundation for the initiative. Students in the program will also have access to the Law School’s pioneering Detkin Intellectual Property & Technology Legal Clinic.

Strong ties already exist between Penn Law and Penn Engineering faculty. For the past few years, professors Jonathan Smith of Engineering and Christopher Yoo of the Law School have co-taught a course on Technology and Policy that brings law and engineering students together in the same classroom. Smith and Yoo will head the new Law and Technology program, which in addition to curricular opportunities is expected to support student research fellowships, technology law-related moot courts, technology-related summer public interest fellowships, and the student-run Penn Intellectual Property Group.

Q: How strange was it to finally try the case?  
A: Prosecuting Whitey Bulger was an exhausting but fascinating experience. He had been a Top Ten FBI fugitive for 16 years and it was somewhat surreal to be sitting so close to him in federal court. Fortunately for me, he was unarmed.

Q: Was this like getting Moby Dick?  
A: His conviction on 31 of 32 counts was very satisfying to the investigators who had worked so long on the case and, hopefully, it brought some closure to the victims’ families.

Q: Did you ever lose hope that you’d catch Bulger?  
A: We always assumed he was still alive or his much younger girlfriend would have surrendered, so we kept at it for the sake of the victims’ families. As the years dragged on we certainly began to lose confidence that he would ever be caught, but fortunately our patience was rewarded in June of 2011.

Q: Describe the patience required in your line of work.  
A: Not sure about patience but I would definitely say the job requires great persistence to be successful. Federal cases and investigations can take a long time to develop, so a willingness and ability to be persistent is essential to success.

Q: What did you think of the film The Departed?  
A: While the movie based on Bulger was very popular, there was nothing glamorous about a man who was convicted of killing 11 people and of making millions selling drugs and extorting people.
Biddle Conducts Spring Cleaning of Books

LONG OVERDUE, more than 30,000 volumes in the Biddle Law Library were moved in the spring to an off-site storage facility in Connecticut. The move was part of a PALMPrint (Preserving America’s Legal Information in Print) initiative, whose goal is to store and preserve at least one print copy of American primary law. It also helped the Biddle Library clear shelf space.

The project is supported by more than 60 academic law libraries in the United States and was organized by NELLCO, an international consortium of law libraries, and the Legal Information Preservation Alliance.

Paul George, the director of the Biddle Law Library, was the vice chair of the Alliance when PALMPrint was developed and is now the president of NELLCO, making him, and Penn Law, one of the primary movers and shakers of the initiative.

“It was a natural step given the collaborative nature of libraries, the organizations and Penn Law,” George said.

With the shelves cleared, George said, “It’s a relief to have space for parts of the collection now available electronically.”

George’s relief should continue for at least a few years, at which time he estimates the empty shelves will be filled with new volumes.

Renowned Federal Judge, Anthony J. Scirica, Joins Faculty

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA has joined the Penn Law faculty as a senior fellow. He will teach a first-year course on civil procedure, in addition to other teaching assignments.

Judge Scirica, a highly respected member of the federal judiciary, was awarded the 28th Annual Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award in 2010, which was described by U.S. Supreme Court Justice as “the Nobel Prize for judging.”

Judge Scirica was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1987 and served as chief judge of the Third Circuit from 2003 to 2010. Upon assuming his Penn Law position, he will take senior status and will continue to serve on the Court. He has previously taught complex litigation at the Law School on an adjunct basis.

His appointment reflects the Law School’s ongoing efforts to create closer ties between the worlds of academia and professional practice to better prepare students for the demands of a changing legal marketplace.

In addition to his service on the bench, Judge Scirica served as a member and then as chair of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the principal policymaking body of the federal judiciary.

Prior to becoming a circuit judge, Scirica served as a district judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania from 1984 to 1987 and on the Court of Common Pleas for Montgomery County from 1980 to 1984. From 1971 to 1979, he served as a Republican legislator in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where he chaired the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime. He also served as chair of the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission. Judge Scirica practiced law in Montgomery County, Pa., where he was born. He also served as assistant district attorney.
The BRIEF

THANKS, PENN LAW

With many major tech companies being based in the U.S., regulatory debates involving the Internet are often kicked off in the States. Take the net neutrality debate, for instance, which has been ongoing in the U.S. for almost a decade. Antitrust proceedings in the American e-book market are also closely followed by European regulators. Therefore, having a J.D. from Penn under one’s belt definitely comes in handy. Moreover, I make frequent use of the opportunity to discuss ideas with Penn professors including Christopher Yoo, who advises the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology on issues of net neutrality.

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PLES Caravan Stops in Philly


ROLAND WITZEL GL’03, L’07

Legal officer for the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media in Germany

WHAT HE DOES

My duties include participating in legislative proceedings in copyright and Internet law, creating the framework for the German Digital Library and writing speeches for the State Minister.

WHY PLES?

One of the highlights of this year’s program was visiting the new home of the Barnes Foundation on Benjamin Franklin Parkway. I still recall the discussion we had about Dr. Barnes’ will and the plan to relocate the museum during my trusts & estates class at Penn.

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YVETTE VAN LOON GL’90
Commercial director/co-managing director, TMF France

WHAT SHE DOES
She collaborates with TMF colleagues around the world to create and submit proposals for outsourcing and identifies opportunities for companies to reduce costs, control risk and simplify operations.

WHY PLES?
One of the reasons I attend PLES meetings is to meet old friends and get to know new ones. This year was special as the meeting was held in Philly and it enabled me to show my French husband where I studied. Also, I like that the PLES meetings are held in different cities around Europe.

THANKS, PENN LAW
My Penn education helps me at work in better understanding the differences between the civil and common law systems. Additionally it helps me to better understand why clients from a common law system ask certain types of questions.

WHAT I MISS
One of my favorite times at Penn Law was when LLMs presented their local foods. It was very nice to learn about the different specialties of each country. This was an easy one for me as I had bought different types of Dutch cheeses! (I am of Dutch heritage.)

VIJIT S. CHAHAR WEV’10, GL’10
Graduate Student

WHAT HE DOES
My Penn education is currently the mainstay of my work. I’m completing a Ph.D. in law and economics to be awarded by the University of Hamburg, the University of Bologna and the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Despite my training prior to Penn being in Indian law, my current research focuses almost exclusively on U.S. corporate law with some comparisons to UK law.

WHY PLES?
I attended the last PLES reunion in Prague because I hadn’t seen the city before and some of my mates were also attending. I had an excellent time there and made a lot of friends. Since PLES is a close-knit circle with many regulars, I was very keen to come to Philadelphia to reunite with everyone I had met in Prague. It also gave me a chance to visit the university and meet the friends I made when I was here.

THANKS, PENN LAW
Not only did my time at Penn enable me to do cutting-edge legal scholarship based on the American legal system, it also encouraged critical examination of the law. I believe my future career will be related to my training in U.S. law.

WHAT I MISS
My favorite memories of Penn are definitely the parties we had in classmates’ houses.
Penn Law Alumna Works to Keep Borders Open For Refugees Fleeing Syria

FIVE THOUSAND MILES AWAY FROM DAMASCUS, KATHLEEN NORLAND L’13, G’13 is trying to stem the humanitarian crisis in Syria however she can.

The dimensions of the crisis are staggering, with more than two million refugees having fled to neighboring countries — a number that is expected to grow to three and a half million by the end of the year. Already, displaced Syrians make up 25 percent of the population in Lebanon, a spit of land on the western flank of Syria.

As a fellow assigned to the Refugee Protection Program at Human Rights First, Norland, who began with the organization in September, is part of a team advocating for the U.S. government to raise concerns with Syria’s neighbors about refugees’ access to international protection. The team is also advocating for an increase in the resettlement of Syrian refugees to the United States and in alleviating potential barriers for the protection of Syrian refugees under U.S. immigration law.

It’s no coincidence that Norland ended up working on the Syrian refugee problem. After graduating from the University of Chicago, she continued her study of Arabic in Damascus in 2007 and 2008 at the height of the Iraqi refugee crisis. Later, at Penn Law, she founded the school’s chapter of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project. “I became interested in what the law could do,” she said.

Syrian refugees face a number of roadblocks. Egypt now requires a valid visa as a condition of entrance into the country. Iraq, Jordan and Turkey have each at some point closed their border crossings, limited the number of refugees who could cross per day, or prevented Palestinians, Iraqis, or military-aged men from entering. The United States government should continue to support Syria’s neighbors’ refugees,” Norland said, “but we also urge the U.S. government to raise concerns with these government about recent border closures and other restrictions that deny access to protection for refugees fleeing Syria.”

“What’s most important is that these refugees receive medical care and housing and that the borders remain open. I’d like to play a small part in making that happen,” said Norland, who was named the inaugural Penn Law Rule of Law fellow at Human Rights First, an independent advocacy and action organization that seeks human rights reforms and challenges the U.S. government and private companies to respect the rule of law.

Penn Law’s partnership with Human Rights First began after Robert Cusamano L’80, former general counsel for ACE Limited, secured support from his company for a major international conference at Penn Law that assessed the progress of legal reforms in Afghanistan and Iraq. Cusamano went on to team with his employer to create a five-year fellowship to spur more support of rule of law initiatives.

“I would hope that this tiny example that we’ve started might be a prod to the in-house legal community, to corporations, and their philanthropic efforts to see rule of law enhancement as they would any other major philanthropic (project),” said Cusamano.

Cusamano also wanted to provide a career path to young lawyers interested in practicing in the area of rule of law.

“To have ACE understand that and invest in the best and brightest is amazing,” said Elisa Massimino, president and CEO of Human Rights First. “The rule of law is the guardian of human rights in the United States and everywhere.”

Massimino was the Honorary Fellow-in-Residence during Penn Law’s 5th annual Public Interest Week in March. “It was very rejuvenating to me to be in such a vibrant academic environment with students and faculty committed to making a difference in the world,” she said. “Who is in the bullpen, seeing the next generation of lawyers is important to me.”

Clearly, Norland, who also holds a master’s degree from Penn’s Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilization, is part of that next generation of lawyers that Massimino finds so inspiring.

After her fellowship ends next September, Norland hopes to continue working on refugee and asylum law, either through advocacy in Washington, D.C., or with an organization in the Middle East that provides direct legal services.

For Norland, the work is more than a career. It’s a calling.
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CASEY COGUT L’73 has a certain satisfaction knowing that a portrait of his late classmate and dear friend, John Mason L’73, hangs in the study room of a law school founded by James Wilson, a framer of the Constitution, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and original Supreme Court Justice. That’s in part because Mason was himself a seventh-generation descendant of John and Abigail Adams.

“When I see students working in the Study Room under his portrait, it’s a very nice feeling,” said Cogut, an overseer and adjunct faculty member at Penn Law. “He was a unique, wonderful individual who was taken from us way too soon.”

Mason died of cancer in 2004 at the age of 58, while serving as a judge on the Massachusetts Appeals Court, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Cogut, a partner for many years at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, and his wife, Ellen, funded the John Mason Study Room in the Davis Student Union to give students both a quiet place to concentrate on their studies and an opportunity to learn about an accomplished alumnus and great man. The glass-enclosed study room, dedicated in May, contains information and eulogies about Mason that paint a portrait of a man of high intellect and diligence imbued with a dedication to service.

The ever-humble Mason never boasted about his illustrious heritage or what he accomplished in his too-short life. “He was the most self-effacing, generous person that you’d ever meet,” Cogut said.

Mason enlisted in the Army after graduating from Harvard even though he didn’t have to serve. “He said he went to Vietnam because others had to,” Cogut said of Mason, who was awarded the Bronze Star.

His battlefield heroism and career achievement did not translate to home repair. His wife, Barbara, recalled the time he tried to fix a broken window. “It took many, many trips to the hardware store, some bruises, and a couple of panes of glass, but he did it.”

That steadfast and patient nature made him a good judge, she said. “John was made to be a judge. He was an incredible thinker and writer.”

Mason was a stellar student at Penn Law, serving as editor in chief of the Law Review before graduating magna cum laude. He went on to become a partner with the Boston firm of Ropes & Gray, specializing in employment law, litigation and civil rights, before his appointment to the bench.

“He was very, very talented as a lawyer. It just came naturally to him, but he was a hard worker, too,” Cogut said. Henry Schleiff C’70, L’73, his law school roommate, agreed with that assessment. Schleiff, now the group president of the Investigation Discovery, Military Channel and Destination America networks, was an admitted “grinder” at the Law School. Not so Mason. Schleiff said the study of law came easy for Mason, who regularly finished his assignments early. Nonetheless, Mason would go to the library with him and often stay well past midnight.

“He did it just because he thought it would help and support me,” Schleiff said. “I think that he made everyone, wherever they stood in the class, feel good about being in law school and about themselves. There’s a great quote, ‘my best friend is the one who brings out the best in me’ —John Mason brought out the best in everyone he met.”

The John Mason Study Room stands as a testimonial to a gifted alumnus who wanted everyone to enjoy law school as much as he did.
Salloway Strikes Gold with The Butler

THE OSCARS are several months off, but you can’t blame MATTHEW SALLOWAY L'04 if he’s feeling the buzz after The Butler opened over the summer to big box office and critical acclaim.

Salloway is an executive producer of the film that chronicles one man’s service to eight presidents through the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War and other notable periods in American history.

No stranger to Hollywood and Broadway, Salloway also produced the George Clooney political potboiler The Ides of March and So Undercover with Miley Cyrus, as well as David Mamet’s A Life in the Theater and Jerry Seinfeld’s Long Story Short.

Salloway is managing partner of the Salloway Law Group PC, where he is a corporate and entertainment attorney who represents business executives, companies and individuals, celebrity chefs, professional athletes, recording artists, producers, and directors.

The Shawshank Connection

MANSFIELD, OHIO, residents engaged in pop culture nostalgia over the Labor Day weekend, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the filming of The Shawshank Redemption, an Oscar-nominated movie that was partly shot on the site of the Ohio State Reformatory.

It’s unlikely that any of the celebrants were aware of GORDON J. BEGGS’ C’70, L’73 connection to the film’s location.

Beggs, clinical professor of law emeritus at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, filed a federal lawsuit in 1978 seeking to close the notorious prison known for brutal conditions. He brought the suit as a lawyer with the ACLU of Ohio. The suit led to significant improvements and eventual closure. A new facility now sits near the old site.

The Shawshank Redemption, starring Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins, documents the bond between a black prisoner and white prisoner. The film did not perform well at the box office but has become a cult classic.
DANCERS AND DUNKERS. Communicate with fans. Field a winning basketball team.

Those were some of the ingredients Adam Aron used for turning around the moribund Philadelphia 76ers franchise after being named CEO in 2011. He resigned from the post in July but remains a Sixers co-owner and board member.

Well, two out of three isn’t bad.

“The team was on a 10-year downward slide in everything. Fan attendance. Revenues. Sponsorship dollars. TV ratings. There was just not one good thing that you could point to that made you enthusiastic about what was coming,” said Aron in February at an Institute for Law and Economics program.

If a company is in a turnaround, Aron said, “that means there are a lot of things that are broken. And you can’t just be cautious and careful in what you’re going to do to fix them. You’ve got to be brash, you have to be bold. You have to make major change. You have to create and leave footprints so that the organization is fundamentally different than when you arrived.”

For Aron and the 76ers that meant making game nights a happening, with the dancers, dunkers, confetti drops and other activities that made it fun to see the team play. It meant communicating with fans on television, on the radio and in social media and by creating a brand-embodifying slogan, “Passionate. Intense. Proud.”

And, to be fair, in 2011-2012, the team had its first winning record in almost a decade and made the playoffs.

Their efforts led last year to the single biggest increase in attendance in the NBA. Ticket sales and sponsorships were up 50 percent, and television ratings doubled. All good wins.

The 76ers are Aron’s third turnaround challenge. The first for Aron, who has an M.B.A. with Distinction from Harvard Business School, was Western Airlines, which at the time was the ninth largest airline in the country.

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ADAM ARON

Turnaround Specialist Strives to Revive 76ers Franchise
He said that he was part of a team that helped implement 100 product changes in the first 90 days. With that, the airline went from having the second worst complaint rating in the industry to the second best in nine months.

“It can happen that quickly that you can revolutionize your product,” Aron said.

His second turnaround, and his first presidency, was Norwegian Cruise Line. He was 39.

“The basic vehicle to turn Norwegian Cruise Line around was to make the product better. We took Norwegian Cruise Line from Ramada at sea to Hyatt at sea. Not Four Seasons at sea. You have to pick your niche,” Aron said.

After heading Norwegian Cruise Line from 1996 to 2006, Aron was chairman and CEO of Vail Resorts, the largest ski resort operator in the United States. He was chairman and CEO of World Leisure Partners, Inc., a consultancy he formed in 2006, until joining the Sixers.

Aron shared five lessons for organizational success, many of which he implemented with the 76ers.

• The product that is offered to customers is the single most important thing that should drive corporate executives in running a company.

• There’s almost nothing more exciting than innovation to drive consumer perception of what a company stands for and what kind of product it is offering to the public.

• Pay attention to revenues and costs.

• The customer really is king.

• Have a plan.

Another piece of advice he offered was, “It’s not work if they pay you to do your hobby. Choose a path that makes you happy because you’ll apply yourself at it and you’ll probably succeed.”

Why a Pulitzer-Prize-Winning Reporter Came Out as an Illegal Immigrant

JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS claims he is not an activist. He is not an organizer. He is not a leader.

Rather, he describes himself as a storyteller. He tells them well enough to have been a member of The Washington Post staff that won a Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of the 2008 Virginia Tech massacre.

In June of 2011 he told his own story, in The New York Times Magazine. The story chronicled Vargas’ life as an undocumented immigrant, which began when he was 12 years old. His mother sent him from the Philippines to live with his grandparents in California. She planned to join him, but never made it.

His story received worldwide media coverage and made him a celebrity, leading to numerous speaking engagements and appearances on “The Colbert Report,” “Nightline,” and “The O’Reilly Factor.”

Vargas shared his story again last spring at the Edward V. Sparer Symposium, which focused on immigration advocacy and reform. He described how 23 of the 24 lawyers he spoke to advised him not to publish the piece.

The article included this powerful testimony: being an undocumented immigrant “means going about my day in fear
of being found out. It means rarely trusting people, even those closest to me … It means keeping my family photos in a shoe-box rather than displaying them on shelves in my home … It means reluctantly, even painfully, doing things I know are wrong and unlawful.”

As the story neared publication, a lawyer friend warned him that he could lose federal benefits if he admitted to breaking the law.

He decided to tell his story after interviewing Mark Zuckerberg for a profile in The New Yorker. The Facebook founder had asked him where he was from.

“That question kind of untangled everything for me,” Vargas said.

Vargas said he was doing well in America but lived in constant fear of being unmasked as an undocumented immigrant.

“I felt like such a coward. Every day undocumented people were getting stereotyped and these laws were starting to pass,” Vargas said. “And what was I doing? I was living in my comfortable little apartment doing nothing.”

So he wrote his story and founded Define American, a non-profit charity that seeks to elevate the conversation around immigration. He testified in front of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee at a comprehensive reform hearing and became one of the faces of immigration reform.

Shortly after Vargas wrote a cover story for Time magazine on undocumented immigrants, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that it would no longer deport undocumented residents who qualify for the DREAM act. The decision applied to people 30 years old and younger. Vargas had recently turned 31. Vargas said he accepted the cutoff because he knew people who suffered a lot more than he did.

Vargas said the definition of an American goes to “what we value in this country and not only what our past is but what our future is going to look like.”

Former LLM Returns to Run Italian Consulate in Philadelphia

THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA CANEPARI GL’99 to lead the Italian consulate in Philadelphia represents a homecoming of sorts. The new consul general completed Penn Law’s graduate program more than a decade ago.

As consul general, Canepari will promote Italy’s language, culture, arts and scientific community, as well as advance its economic, business and technological interests. The consulate covers the region of Delaware, Maryland, Southern New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. There are up to 50,000 native Italians in that area.

In a recent Web site posting, Canepari touted the achievements of Italian-Americans in the region, noting their presence in prestigious universities and research centers, hospitals, companies, professional and consulting firms.

Canepari held a number of government and diplomatic posts in Italy, the United States and Turkey before his new assignment. In his last position, he served as a counselor at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in economics from the Universita Commerciale “L Bocconi” and a doctorate in jurisprudence from Universita degli Studi di Parma.

Canepari is editor, with professor Luca Molinari, of the book The Italian Legacy in Washington D.C.: Architecture, Design, Art and Culture. He also authored a commentary on Italy’s law on proxy fights in a book titled La disciplina delle societa’ quotate. He has lectured on economic diplomacy at Georgetown University and Universita Bocconi.
Italian Ambassador to U.S. Stumps for Multibillion Dollar European Trade Agreement

AMERICA’S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT COULD RISE by $125 billion if the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is successfully negotiated.

The European GDP could rise by $150 billion.

U.S. exports to Europe could increase by $200 billion.

With so much commerce at stake, Claudio Bisogniero, the Italian ambassador to the United States, came to the Law School in May to make the case for passage of the Partnership. Negotiations over the pact designed to reduce trade barriers between the United States and the European Union — to practically create what he said would be a U.S. — E.U. free trade area — began in July.

“I believe that by this initiative Europe and the United States have the opportunity to stimulate much-needed growth and job creation on both sides of the Atlantic,” he told students.

“While a high degree of market integration already exists between the U.S. and Europe, much more can be done to lower, or even eliminate, tariff and non-tariff barriers, spur services and investment, and tackle regulatory differences. And it would come at no cost for our national budgets,” he said.

His goal, Bisogniero said, is to “raise awareness of the great potential that is in front of us,” among legislators and regulators, the business community and the media.

An agreement, which is subject to congressional approval, would affect 800 million people in Europe and the United States. Already, he said, the economies of Europe and the United States are the most integrated in the world, with one-third of global trade between Europe and the United States. And while there is seemingly an economic, if not political, pivot to Asia, he pointed out that U.S. investment in Europe is 20 times the investment in China.

The partnership would bring benefits beyond ringing cash registers, according to Bisogniero.

Passage, he believes, would strengthen the economic model that the United States and Europe share, which is based on open and transparent markets. That would send a strong message about free trade to those parts of the world that are increasingly putting up barriers toward it.

Another benefit would be in the area of security. In a globalized world, security goes beyond what Bisogniero called the “hard element,” and now encompasses finance, trade, intellectual property, cyberspace and data protection. Passage of the partnership would strengthen the transatlantic links that are the defining trait of the post World War II policy between Italy and other European states and the United States because of the increased integration it would bring, he said.

“We have a big task ahead of us, the negotiations won’t be easy, but it will be worth the effort, Bisogniero said of the ambitious agreement. “We need to understand that protecting our petty interests of today may be against our long-term economic interests of tomorrow.”
Nobel Economist Says Constitutions Contain Multiple Meanings

When you think about it, and Amartya Sen has done a lot of deep, deep thinking about it, a constitution is simply a collection of words.

It is the philosophical problems involved with interpreting a constitution that creators have to confront and there are at least three major concerns they face, according to Sen, the recipient of the 1998 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science.

Sen, the Thomas W. Lamont University Professor and professor of economics and philosophy at Harvard University, laid out those concerns while delivering the Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture in April.

First, he said, there is the central philosophical understanding that the meaning of words have to be seen in terms of the “rules” that govern their use. If a constitution is to survive, the makers of a constitution cannot overlook the possibility that rules governing uses of words can change substantially over time. Sen cited Samuel Johnson’s A Dictionary of the English Language, to support his point, noting that the eighteenth century author wrote, “… words are but signs of ideas.”

His second concern is that the rules that reflect the use of a word may not be uniquely defined. Therefore, there may be arguments as to which of the rules will be appropriate in interpreting a law, or even a constitution. “The right, for example, to be ‘treated with dignity,’ or the right ‘to bear arms’ can each have a cluster of alternative definitions,” Sen said.

Lastly, Sen said, in choosing between alternative interpretations of words, there is a need for reasoning, which demands empirical cogency as well as ethical plausibility.

Regarding empiricism, Sen used the example of the Indian Constitution, which he said was the first of its kind to incorporate provisions reserving jobs and seats in Parliament for people from the lowest castes.

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AMARTYA SEN

If the empirical evidence demonstrates the provisions are not working—and the evidence is not yet clear—and that an alternative way of encouraging social mobility would be more effective, then the provisions must be open to revision, he said.

Sen said that Scottish philosopher and economist Adam Smith often wrote that ethics have to be taken into account when considering the meaning behind words. For example, Smith talked about the need “for some basic moral reasoning in interpreting the importance of the pursuit of happiness.”

Sen noted that while Smith is usually cast as an advocate of market efficiency, his criticism of state intervention in economic activities drew on his fear that intervention would typically favor the rich and powerful. As he wrote in the Wealth of Nations, “Whenever the legislature attempts to regulate the differences between the masters and their workmen, its counselors are always the masters. When the regulation, therefore, is in favour of the workmen, it is always just and equitable; but it is sometimes otherwise when in favour of the masters.”

To reach that conclusion, Sen said, Smith draws on “what outcomes would be acceptable in the light of demands of fairness and justice,” or simply, ethics.
New Pro Bono Project Proves to be Animal’s Best Friend

by Jay Nachman

TO PUT IT MILDLY, state laws surrounding exotic wildlife are wildly inconsistent. Pennsylvania requires permits for ownership. Across the river, New Jersey outlaws dangerous species as pets. Yet in Idaho, no permit is needed to keep un-endangered animals. But in Montana, you’ll need a permit to operate a wild menagerie.

This hodgepodge of state laws regarding the possession of exotic animals was corralled and codified last school year by Penn Law’s recently reconstituted Animal Law Project (ALP), a pro bono effort that focuses on protecting the interests of animals through the legal system.

“We hope that our work will increase public awareness of animal-related laws, particularly since the laws can be confusing and knowledge about these laws may not be widespread,” explained Marisa Kirio 3L, co-director of the ALP with Justin Rand 2L.

The ALP conducted the research for Born Free USA, a national animal advocacy group. The ALP also researched whether states regulate zoos and animal exhibitors and whether states have laws on canned hunting, in which hunters shoot at animals held captive behind fences.

Some states have their own laws governing the treatment of animals while others leave enforcement to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Kirio said.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund also asked ALP to research the use of performance enhancing drugs in racehorses. The ALP then analyzed animal cruelty laws in order to assess the strength of the legal and factual arguments for possible future action to outlaw the practice. Locally, the ALP is also assisting Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney Barbara Paul prosecute summary animal cruelty cases.

“We want to help animals through the law and help animals who can’t fight for themselves,” Kirio said.

The passion they have for animals drove Kirio, who spearheaded the group’s re-vival, and Rand to lead the ALP in its transition from a student group to a pro bono project under the guidance of the Toll Public Interest Center.

The ALP has more than 50 active members, but you don’t have to be a pet owner to join. Rand owns a cocker spaniel named Kiya. Kirio had a golden retriever, Elsa, growing up, but is currently pet-less.

You also don’t have to have a pet nor endorse PETA to belong. The ALP welcomes a range of members — from vegans to meat eaters.

The group hosts speaker events to raise awareness of animal rights and animal welfare issues. And just like fish gotta swim and birds gotta fly, students gotta relax, which is why the ALP also holds Yappy Hours, a kind of BYOD (bring your own dog) at a neighborhood bar to which local residents are also invited. While fun, Kirio said, the Yappy Hours help to build a network of animal lovers.

Kiro and Rand hope that new networks of animal lovers will continue to protect the rights of animals long after they graduate.
Klick’s Study Links Cell Phone Use to Decline in Crime Rate

by Stephen Frank

Research by University of Pennsylvania Law School Professor Jonathan Klick, along with colleagues at Penn and George Mason University, links mobile phone use to a historic drop in the crime rate and urges policymakers to encourage individuals to carry their cell phones with them as a way to further deter crime.

The research paper “Mobile Phones and Crime Deterrence: An Underappreciated Link,” by Klick and co-authors John MacDonald, chair of Penn’s Department of Criminology, and Thomas Stratmann of George Mason University, was issued by the Institute for Law and Economics, a joint research center of the Law School, the Wharton School and the Department of Economics.

The paper posits a novel contributing factor to help explain the remarkable crime decline of the 1990s, when crime rates dropped by about a third across all crime categories. The sharp reduction was unforeseen by social scientists and law enforcement officials, and finding explanations for it has been a central focus of modern empirical crime scholarship. That research has posited explanations of the decrease ranging from legal-ized abortion (culling the population of potential criminals), to increases in police forces, to changes in the market for crack cocaine, to rising incarceration rates (taking criminals off the streets).

Klick and his co-authors suggest a new partial explanation: that the introduction and growth of mobile phone technology contributed to the crime decline, especially in the areas of rape and assault.

Noting that mobile phones enhance the ability of victims and witnesses to report crime to law enforcement authorities, the paper argues that such surveillance increases the risk of being apprehended when committing crimes against strangers. As a consequence, the authors propose, the expansion of cell phone use may have had a deterrent effect.

“Mobile phones allow for quicker reporting of crimes, and, in some cases, real time communication of details about the crime and the criminal,” the authors write. “The perceived risk of apprehension could increase among motivated offenders when they notice potential targets are carrying a mobile phone. As technology has improved to allow the transmission of photographic images, identification, apprehension, prosecution, and conviction all presumably become even more likely.”

The paper notes that the first commercially available mobile phone was introduced in 1983, but it wasn’t until the mid-1990s that the technology began to proliferate, a period that coincides with the beginning of the crime decline.

Further, other aspects of the crime decline — for instance, its concentration in urban areas and the fact that the decline was greatest in the Northeast — appear to match the geographic growth of the cell phone market, according to the researchers.

To test their hypothesis, the authors analyze state-level violent crime rates against the number of mobile phone subscriptions in a state in a given year. Although the empirical analysis doesn’t prove cause and effect, it demonstrates that more mobile phones in a state are strongly correlated with reduced violent crime measures.

“Our findings at least suggest some effect of mobile phones on sustaining the historically low rates of crimes of interpersonal violence between 1999 and 2007 in states,” the authors write.

While the widespread use of cell phones may already have realized the greater part of their crime deterrent effect, the authors conclude that law enforcement officials should promote their use. “By encouraging individuals to take cell phones with them when leaving their residences, cell phones have the potential to further reduce crime,” they write. They note that mobile phones, particularly those equipped with cameras, may have an especially important role to play in providing evidence in rape investigations.

Baker Study Shows $9 Billion Savings With Better Design of Healthcare Exchanges

Professor Tom Baker is co-author of a startling study issued by Penn Law’s Institute for Law and Economics showing that consumers and the government could save more than $9 billion a year if the new health insurance exchanges at the heart of the Affordable Care Act were better designed.
Baker and his colleagues contend that the exchanges do not direct uninformed consumers to the most cost-effective policies.

If consumers cannot make informed choices, the researchers note, then the insurance exchanges will not produce competitive pressures on health plan costs, one of the main advantages of the Affordable Care Act’s reliance upon choice and markets. Under the terms of the health care law, states have the option of designing their own exchanges, or using one developed by the federal government.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 20 million Americans will purchase insurance through the new exchanges. Almost all health insurance policies sold through the exchanges will be subsidized by tax credits. The authors write that websites that help people select the best options based on usage of health insurance would produce substantial savings to individual consumers as well as to the federal budget and taxpayers.

The researchers reached their conclusions through experiments with one group of respondents and another group of financially savvy MBA students. The MBA students made better choices initially but the other group performed comparably with assistance.

Baker is the William Maul Measey Professor of Law and Health Sciences at Penn Law. He co-authored the paper with Eric J. Johnson of the Columbia Business School, Ran Hassin of Hebrew University, Allison T. Baiger of the Columbia University Department of Psychology, and Galen Truer of the University of Miami.

Anita L. Allen Appointed Vice Provost for Faculty at Penn

Anita L. Allen, Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law at Penn Law and Professor of Philosophy in the School of Arts & Sciences, has been named vice provost for faculty.

“Anita Allen brings an extraordinary range of experience to this critically important role,” said Penn Provost Vincent Price. “She is a distinguished scholar of law and ethics, a seasoned administrator, a vibrant writer and public speaker, and a longtime champion of equity and access.”

Allen, an international expert in privacy law and contemporary ethics, is author of seven books and more than a hundred academic articles, including most recently Unpopular Privacy (Oxford University Press, 2011) and The New Ethics (Hyperion, 2004), named a Publisher’s Weekly Best Book of the Year. A widely cited writer, lecturer, and media commentator, she has chaired and served on dozens of boards, committees, and councils, both nationally and at Penn, including President Obama’s Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, chaired by Penn President Amy Gutmann.

She served from 2009 to 2011 as deputy dean for academic affairs of Penn Law, where she has taught since 1998, and previously as associate dean for research and scholarship of the Georgetown University Law Center, where she taught from 1987 to 1998. She has also taught at Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh and as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, Princeton University, Yale Law School, and numerous other schools around the world.

She earned a JD from Harvard Law School, a PhD and MA in Philosophy from the University of Michigan, and a BA in Philosophy, Classics, and Literature from New College of Florida.

The vice provost for Faculty oversees faculty life and the academic personnel process at Penn, including recruitment, retention, and retirement; appointments, tenure, and promotions; enhancement of faculty diversity and gender and minority equity; and resolution of individual faculty issues, including grievances. Allen will also coordinates the Provost’s Staff Conference and work closely with the deans and chairs of Penn’s twelve schools, as well as the faculty senate, vice president for human resources, ombudsman, affirmative action officer, diversity search advisors, provost’s senior advisor for diversity, and PASEF (Penn Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty).
The story has become something of a legend, told around the table every year at an annual chili supper for Penn Law’s gay and lesbian population that’s hosted by Dean of Students Gary Clinton and his partner, attorney Don Millinger L’79. It begins like many a hand-me-down tale: On a sleety, snowy February night in 1994, Clinton says he, Millinger and guests were ladling chili and passing around drinks when they noticed a fellow student peering through the front window. Sensing his hesitation to come in, Clinton threw on a jacket so he could go out to ask the straggler why he was waiting out in the cold.

“I’ve never been to a gay party before,” the young man answered, shivering. “What are you looking at?” asked Clinton, slipping into his daytime role as student caretaker. “What does it look like to you?”

“It looks like a bunch of people having dinner.”

This rather obvious reply was a clear sign for Clinton that the guy was all but begging for someone to tell him it was OK to go inside. The story ends on a happy note: He joined the party, the chili was delicious and within a year he was climbing the officer ranks in Penn’s LGBT group Lambda Law.

Students who hear this tale today listen with mouths agape, baffled that a gay Penn student would be ambivalent about attending a gay party. After all, they do go to a school that is renowned for its LGBT-inclusiveness. (In the past decade, media outlets like *Newsweek* and *The Advocate* have consistently ranked it as the most gay-friendly university in the nation.) But that’s why Clinton continues to keep the story in rotation, to remind students that — much like America’s gay rights movement — Penn Law’s journey to becoming the rainbow-flag-waving institution it is today “is really about an evolution and not a revolution.”

He and Millinger arrived at Penn Law in 1976 to nary an LGBT presence. “Don, as far as we know, was the first openly gay man here,” Clinton says. “We were certainly the first openly gay couple.” Now, keep in mind this was seven years after New York’s Stonewall riots planted a seed that was slowly blossoming into a national gay rights movement, but, as Millinger explains, “it hadn’t quite
ripened yet to the point where there would have been an active gay group at Penn."

A few telltale signs, however, showed Millinger that the movement was well on its way. For instance, in his first year he was required to take an income security course that focused on government welfare programs for the economically and socially disadvantaged. In his third year, he took part in a Penn-funded clinic that provided free legal service to people who couldn’t afford it. “There were a lot of messages out there that proved Penn is a place that’s progressive and supportive of people who are not in the mainstream, and at that time gays and lesbians were a marginalized and often disadvantaged group.”

Case in point? When he graduated in 1979, he didn’t know a single openly gay law firm partner in Philadelphia. “At the time there was great fear that being [out] would hurt your career, or would inhibit you getting a partnership.” He began to see change — on the world stage and on Penn’s campus — during the 1980s AIDS epidemic. “We were threatened so significantly as a community that it changed a lot of people’s consciousness, and the laws of activism.”

During the height of the epidemic, Millinger used his know-how as a corporate and business lawyer to help local HIV-fighting organizations like the Philadelphia AIDS Task Force get up and running. He says the formation of these types of politically charged groups, and new LGBT-centric policies like the 1982 amendment to Philadelphia’s anti-discrimination ordinance to include sexual orientation, generated more LGBT-focused discussions in Penn Law classrooms. “As those things were happening in the outside world, they were being reflected on professional school campuses. And because of Penn’s history [of championing social justice], they were quicker to embrace those sorts of things than some other colleges.”

But that momentum was short-lived. The stock market crash of 1987 threw the legal market for a loop. Suddenly firms were laying off people and gay law graduates began to shuffle back inside the closet. “I think people were so concerned about their futures and the job market, which they realistically perceived as a really conservative place,” says ACLU Pennsylvania Senior Staff Attorney Mary Catherine Roper L’93, an out lesbian who noticed the effects when she arrived at Penn as a second-year student in 1991. She recalls going to her first meeting for gay and lesbian students held in a bar across the street from campus. “One of the first things that was brought up by the few people who attended was that the group needed bigger signs hung up about the meetings” so people could read them from far away. “Literally, people did not want to be seen standing in front of a posting for the Gay and Lesbian Law Students Association.”

Though she was disheartened by the lack of enthusiasm in her peers, she remembers finding overwhelming support from the administration. “Gary Clinton was one of the first people I met as a transfer student. It made a huge difference having a role model like him. It showed me that, from at least an official position, I was fine. I had nothing to worry about.”

By the time she graduated, she noted that things were starting to loosen up when "some younger students arrived wanting to do active, public things." Coincidentally, this was also the same year “don’t ask, don’t tell” was being debated (and eventually enacted), firing up young, progressive thinkers in a way that hadn’t been seen since the ‘80s. From there the LGBT milestones kept piling up. In 1996, in Romer v. Evans, the Supreme Court struck down a Colorado amendment denying gays and lesbians protections against discrimination. The entertainment industry was forever changed in 1997 when Ellen Degeneres came out on national TV. And in 2000, Vermont became the first state to legally recognize civil unions between gay and lesbian couples.

Students who attended Penn in the aughts remember an institution that was not only gay-friendly, but, well, maybe a little queer itself.

“I would say Penn has a reputation of being a very gay law school,” says New York attorney Bud Jerke L’10, who recalls realizing that before he even applied in the fall of 2007. “On its application, Penn had a box where you could self-identify as ‘LGBT.’ The only other [dozen or so] schools I applied to that had that was Cornell. … I took that as a real confidence sign that the school acknowledged a need for a diverse student body...}

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that includes LGBT persons, not just racial or gender minorities.”

And he was right. He started at a time when Lambda Law was one of the most vocal groups on campus. He saw gay and lesbian students voted by their peers into high-ranking class-office positions (seven of the last 10 class presidents have been LGBT.) He sat through lectures led by professors like Tobias Wolff and Seth Kreimer, two veritable firebrands in the modern gay rights movement. And those chili suppers hosted by Gary Clinton and Don Millinger had evolved from an intimate get-together with 20 students to an all-out party that’s 60 to 70 people strong. But perhaps the gesture that impressed him most was the school’s continuous protesting of JAG, the legal arm of the armed forces that came to recruit on Penn’s campus.

“Prior to ‘don’t ask, don’t tell,’ there was a lot of controversy, because gay students weren’t eligible to be part of JAG (the military’s legal arm),” he says. Despite years of trying to ban it, the Solomon Amendment legally required Penn to allow JAG to recruit on campus, but it wasn’t about to roll out a welcome mat. Every year at recruitment time he’d watch with pride as students, faculty and administration showed up in droves waving flags, toting pro-equality signs and wearing t-shirts emblazoned with the word “Lambda.”

I guess we all know what happened to “don’t ask, don’t tell” next.

It’s this kind of rebellious spirit that will perhaps go down as Penn Law’s greatest contribution to the LGBT community. Through its dedication to advocating for social justice, it is effectively charging up and sending out an army of do-gooders ready to put up their dukes to fight the good fights.

—Bud Jerke L’10

who are now out there taking on some of today’s biggest battles, which at the moment — at least on the LGBT front — seem to revolve around marriage equality.

Mary Catherine Roper is working with a whole team of Penn folks, including law school professor Seth Kreimer and lecturer Mark Aronchick C’71, and three recent grads, John Stapleton L’02, Rebecca Melley L’07 and Dylan Steinberg L’06, on a lawsuit to overturn Pennsylvania’s ban on same-sex marriage. Former class president Dee Spagnuolo L’03 recently joined a separate, more-grassroots marriage fight — and made history — when she and her partner of 17 years, Sasha Ballen, became the first same-sex couple in the state to receive a marriage certificate after a Montgomery County clerk defied state law and began issuing them to homosexual couples in late July. When the State Department of Health eventually sued to invalidate the licenses, Penn alumnus Robert Heim L’72 agreed to represent them and a few dozen other couples, pro bono.

As a straight man, Heim didn’t necessarily have as much of a personal investment in the case as Roper and Spagnuolo. In the early 70s, when he was at Penn, gay issues were barely even talked about, usually pushed to the back burner by discussions about Vietnam. But his decision to take on this case, like many of his fellow alumni will agree, stems from the opportunity Penn gave him to look at all issues with an open mind, and then charge ahead with what he sees as a worthy cause. “The school teaches you to think carefully about the issues and listen to others, and then make a judgement after you’ve thought and listened and understood,” he says. “That’s a great gift Penn Law gave all of us.”

Josh Middleton is a reporter and editor-at-large for Philadelphia magazine’s LGBT blog, G Philly
Ask Penn Law Graduate John Stapleton L’02

what he remembers most about Professor Seth Kreimer’s constitutional law class and he doesn’t hesitate.

“One of the lasting impacts of his class is learning that the struggle for civil rights doesn’t end and you have to keep pushing for the inclusion of all citizens,” Stapleton says.

The need to keep pushing for greater constitutional protections is exactly why Stapleton and a team of other Penn Law alumni and faculty — including Kreimer — are taking part in what could be one of the most significant lawsuits yet in the battle for same-sex marriage.

The plaintiffs in Whitewood v. Corbett seek to overturn Pennsylvania’s Defense of Marriage Act, which bars marriage between people of the same sex. The suit, filed in federal court, argues the state law violates a constitutional right to marry.

The case comes at a time when same-sex couples face disparate legal realities despite a recent Supreme Court case, U.S. v. Windsor, which provided federal recognition of same-sex marriage but did not address the constitutional obligations of states.

“It’s a chance to really bring complete closure and certainty to the issues involving freedom to marry,” says co-counsel Mark Aronchick C’71, a Penn Law lecturer and partner at the Philadelphia law firm Hangley, Aronchick, Segal, Pudlin & Schiller.

“It’s the second chapter and the decisive chapter because it’s a direct challenge against the state statute that discriminates.”

The choice to file suit in Pennsylvania was no accident either: it’s the only state in the Northeast without marriage equality or civil unions.

“It’s an outlier,” says Kreimer, who has a long history of work on civil rights cases. “It’s an outlier in a region that is politically
challenges himself. “It’s not just the glamorous sort of I see a wrong and I will get it remedied,” says Rebecca Melley L’07, an attorney on the team from Hangley, where Dylan Steinberg L’06 is also working on the case. “But a lot of thinking about how to craft it and about what government’s response will be.”

When the group of attorneys first realized nearly all of those under 50 had studied under Kreimer, says Roper, it “helped us speak a common language.”

“I’ve never left Seth’s class,” says Roper, who still refers to her class outlines years later. “These are the issues he covers — that is half of what I do every day in my job.”

For Kreimer, the fact that so many of his students are now working with him on this case is “definitely far more than a coincidence…. It’s one of the capstones of my career.”

Better yet, of course, would be winning the case. “The struggle to achieve equality for gay and lesbian members of our country is one of the very important civil rights struggles of our generation,” says Kreimer. “This is one of the areas where the tide of history is going in the direction of liberty.”

Emma Schwartz is a reporter based in Washington, D.C.

ONE OF THE LASTING IMPACTS OF HIS CLASS IS LEARNING THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS DOESN’T END AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING FOR THE INCLUSION OF ALL CITIZENS.”

— John Stapleton L’02
n his many years on the radio, Michael Smerconish L’87 has had millions of fans, but none perhaps as faithful as the caller known as “Jack from Haverford.”

When traffic was slow on his talk radio show back in the early 1990s, “Jack” would call to perk up the conversation. No matter that “Jack” was a pseudonym being used by a lawyer friend who owned an English sheepdog of the same name.

“In those days,” Smerconish says, “I needed all the pets of my friends to call.”

Today, the dog days are over, and Smerconish has become one of the most talked-about figures in talk radio.

In April, after two decades on the AM dial in Philadelphia, he took his act to Sirius XM satellite radio’s Politics of the United States (POTUS) channel, a move that gives him a chance to connect with up to 25 million paid subscribers daily, all human.

Beyond radio, there’s a burgeoning Smerconish-branded media empire, which he operates from his fifth-floor studio in a suburban Main Line shopping center, which has become a hub for corporate speaking gigs, best-selling books, and a multi-year cable TV contract.

In a business that rewards shock and awe on the extremes of the political spectrum, his success is unusual, grounded in the idea that talk radio does not have to be exclusively about incendiary rhetoric and conspiracy theories to flourish.

Smerconish has taken aim at a kind of middle ground, emphasizing thoughtful, nuanced and, on occasion, amusingly random, talk and conversation. The idea has drawn scorn as un-sellable from industry analysts who see commercial talk as the exclusive province of the far right and left.

Smerconish says the pros underestimate the intelligence of listening audiences, and sees a broader issue, about the need to revive considered and constructive public debate, which starts with giving citizens a welcoming outlet to express themselves. He thinks people are hungry for good conversation, and that it does not have to be one-sided or dull.

“Most of the country is not far to the right and not far to the left. They hold the real political power in this country, and I think if you offer them a good product you can get them interested,” Smerconish says.

“If all you subsist on is a diet of Limbaugh, Beck and Hannity, Fox News and Drudge, you’re just not getting the full story. Similarly, you should not rely on a diet of MSNBC and Huffington Post,” he says. “Change the channel — except when I’m on. That’s my message.”

He reinforces the message with speeches about the perils of political polarization to groups as diverse as securities dealers, synagogues and civic groups, and a regular column in the Sunday Inquirer. He interviews best-selling authors for a “book club” that has been simulcast to theaters nationally. He does political commentary for MSNBC, where he is a regular guest host for Chris Matthews on Hardball.

He is working on his sixth book — a novel about a classic rock DJ who becomes a talk radio host and finds his star rising higher and higher the more he says things he personally disagrees with. He calls the effort “a really good story about the industry” but not autobiographical. It is scheduled for publication in the spring.

On air, the daily fare he serves up is a stew of the sublime and the slightly ridiculous. He will lead a critical discussion of the merits of attacking Syria for using chemical weapons against civilians — and apply a lawyer’s eye to a discussion of a soap-opera-ready battle over the estate of an eccentric copper heiress being exploited by her doctors. His search for on-air material often hits home. People still remember the time Smerconish talked on the radio about being denied membership in a private club.

“He is not afraid to talk about failure. He is not afraid to talk about faults and limitations. He is the opposite of bombastic,” says Shanin Specter L’84, a lawyer and adjunct professor at Penn Law, and one of Smerconish’s oldest friends.
Smerconish found his voice on radio through politics and a junkie’s craving for news and current events.

Bitten early and often by the political bug, he helped his father run for state legislature when he was in high school and threw keg parties for Reagan-Bush while in college at Lehigh.

At Penn Law, he ran for state legislature during his second year, and managed campaigns for Arlen Specter and Frank Rizzo during his third. Dean Michael A. Fitts remembers being impressed with Smerconish’s passion for politics — if not his law school attendance — and having many engaging discussions with him outside of class.

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“After sitting behind the microphone for the first time I knew instantaneously that I wanted to spend time on the air,” he wrote in “Morning Drive,” a memoir he published in 2009. “I’m sure my desire was largely ego-driven. I was pretty comfortable on the air and no doubt enjoyed hearing my own voice. I also thought I had something to contribute to a program about current events.”

He lobbied the station’s management for additional airtime, and developed a niche moonlighting as a guest host on holidays and at odd hours. He finally got his own program in October 1993, and he was thrilled, although there were challenges, mainly owing to the fact that the station skewed to an older audience, which was not where the money was. His sponsors were mainly small businesses, including an Ardmore, Pa., vendor of cashews and pecans known as “The Head Nut.”

Seeking a stronger demographic, his program director once came up with the idea of topping his show with 20 minutes of story telling with a program called “Bedtime with Barney,” featuring the purple dinosaur that was then becoming popular with the pre-school set. The idea was that young couples would put their kids to bed with Barney and stick around to listen to talk radio. Smerconish says the gimmick was “a bone of contention,” but says he put up with it because he was just getting his bearings.

By that time, he had begun a decade-long association with famed trial lawyer James Beasley, specializing in medical malpractice lawsuits. He practiced law during the day, while doing a radio gig at night or on the weekend. Eventually, he outlasted Barney, and by 2002, when he was given the chance to be on air full-time, he decided to put his law career on ice.

He developed a following as a fairly reliable conservative, especially hawkish in the war on terror after the 9/11 attacks. He derided critics of torture, and had a pragmatic view of racial profiling. During the mid-to late-2000s, he was a regular guest host for Bill O’Reilly’s nationally syndicated radio show, and pinch hit for Glenn Beck on CNN Headline News.

But he came under attack from the right after he endorsed Barack Obama during the 2008 presidential campaign. Smerconish had grown disillusioned with the inability of the Bush administration to capture Osama bin Laden, and was impressed with candidate Obama’s willingness to press the hunt for bin Laden across sovereign borders including Pakistan.

A year after the election, Smerconish, a lifelong Republican, announced he had become a registered independent, citing the party’s far right turn on social issues. The core listeners at WPHT, where he was part of a lineup that included Rush Limbaugh, Beck and Sean Hannity, lit up the phones in rage. People figured it was only a matter of time before he moved on to something else.
“It became frustrating to reach an audience that was going to be represented by a call base of angry, older, white guys,” he says, adding that he has found the paying customers on SiriusXM to be a different breed. “Dissent expressed here is all pretty civil and high-brow. It’s a good audience. It’s an educated audience. It’s no doubt a different audience.”

Back in the studio, signs of his adventures mark the walls. There’s a front-page photo from the Philadelphia Daily News of Smerconish meeting Fidel Castro after tagging along on a trip to Cuba with Arlen Specter, and an autographed picture of Larry David, the co-creator of “Seinfeld,” whose brand of humor serves as a model for the Smerconish show’s lighter segments. He has a playbook signed by actor Liev Schreiber from a Broadway production of “Talk Radio,” a play about a shock jock who has a meltdown and is murdered.

Among the members of his supporting cast, there are no dittoheads to be found. His executive producer, TC Scornavacchi, who acts as traffic cop, booking agent, on-air foil and mother hen, is a former teacher who has a degree in biology from Harvard.

Among his former interns: Dr. Anthony Mazzarelli GR’03, L’03, senior vice president/deputy chief medical officer at Cooper University Health Care, and a lawyer, who worked for Smerconish in the early 2000s to fulfill the public service requirement while at Penn Law. He ended up with an on-air persona — the “Overly Credentialed Intern” — and a start in radio that he parlayed into his own show, which he attributes to lessons he learned from Smerconish about the effort and rigor required to be successful in the medium. “Michael approaches public policy and current events with the same reason and logic as physicians approach patients — what is the diagnosis and what is the right treatment considering the facts,” Mazzarelli says.

Smerconish goes airborne to the strains of the old Stealers Wheel tune “Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right … Stuck in the Middle with You.”

He’s been on the phone finishing an interview with a privacy expert for a segment about the government’s growing use of facial recognition technology to thwart terrorism attacks. A Time magazine writer stands by to discuss a cover story he has written making the case for paying college athletes. Scornavacchi has been mining Seinfeld-ian news nuggets for later including the fact that the son of rocker Jon Bon Jovi has just made the Notre Dame football team.

At the top of the news — and a chalk board that lists the day’s programming — is Syria, and the wrenching debate about what the U.S. and the world should do about its chemical weapons.

President Obama has been in Europe trying to drum up support among the G-20 nations for a unified response to the use of chemical weapons by the Assad government. A graphic new video has been surfaced by The New York Times showing rebels summarily executing seven Syrian soldiers. Smerconish has tweeted: “Hard to distinguish that from gassing kids.” The video has become a focal point for assessing whom the U.S. would really be helping if it bombs Syria.

“Do the men who are killing those seven soldiers then become our allies?” Smerconish asks. “My takeaway is, I think it only underscores the volatility of that country, and it validates the concerns of mine that we have no idea where this leads if we take this path. … I’d be thrilled if you would respond.”

A Vietnam vet sees a quagmire in the making. A woman identifying herself as Quaker suggests a worldwide effort to send gas masks as a peaceful alternative to a military strike. Another caller is skeptical whether the weapons even exist.

“Chuck,” a truck driver on I-95 near Jacksonville, analogizes the situation to the threat of Nazi expansionism in 1939, and says the U.S. has a moral obligation to intervene. “I think we need to cut off the head of the Hydra,” he says. “I think it applies not only to Syria, but to Iran, North Korea, to Darfur and Somalia.”

“So why stop at Syria?” Smerconish says. “Why not take out the nuclear capability in Iran? This could be like the end of — Was it Godfather II? — where Michael kills the heads of all the other families. Why not take care of all that business in one day or one night, North Korea as well?”

“I used to be closer to that mindset,” Smerconish adds. “I’m now more of the opinion that, through those interventions we actually make my three kids and your kids or grandkids less safe, rather than more safe. I think that bravado is what gets us in trouble.”

Smerconish says later he won’t be a talk-radio show host forever. He long has had the desire to have his own TV program, but says that does not appear to be in the cards, because the networks view him as either “insufficiently liberal” or “insufficiently conservative.”

His law school run for the legislature sated his interest in elected office. But public service intrigues him. “It would be nice to re-enter the fray,” he says, “and try to put into practice the things I have spouted off about.”

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RICHARD WALDEN

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"REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE"

BY LARRY TEITELBAUM

WRITES HIS OWN SCRIPT AS HEAD OF A SMALL DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION WITH OUTSIZE INFLUENCE. HE TWEAKS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GETS THINGS DONE...
... WHAT BETTER LEGACY FOR A SIXTIES REFUGEE AND HOLLYWOOD GUY WITH GRAND AMBITIONS AND AN EVEN GRANDER STYLE.

At the height of the Vietnam War, President Nixon ordered the bombing of Cambodia to weaken Viet Cong forces camped in the border areas. The action prompted some of the most intense protests of the war. Then in law school, Richard Walden C’68, L’72 got permission to delay his finals to march on Washington. Like many of his classmates, Walden hated the war and feared being drafted. He had to interrupt his first year of law school for Army Reserves training. Such was his contempt for U.S. intervention that Walden vowed to never set foot in Southeast Asia.

And yet, four years after the end of the conflict, in 1979, Walden found himself contemplating a trip to the region. He and a friend were at his Venice Beach house in California reading a tragic Los Angeles Times article about the Boat People — 2500 starving Vietnamese refugees who were stranded off the coast of Malaysia on a freighter. Walden, a civil rights attorney in Beverly Hills and commissioner of hospitals under Gov. Jerry Brown at the time, was sickened by what he read, and his revulsion about the war gave way to altruism.

He wanted to help but did not know how. As is his wont, Walden played an angle. That day he also read that McDonnell Douglas had to ground its fleet of DC-10s due to a crash of one of its planes. He called the chairman and convinced him to take a flier and give him a plane for the mission. About a month later, Air Walden took off and delivered surgical supplies from his parents’ business, tons of vitamins from his friend’s company, and scores of five-gallon jugs for water from the Atlantic Richfield oil company.

The mission brought Walden instant media attention, including four consecutive mornings on Good Morning America. It also drew a call from Julie Andrews, who saw him on television and wanted to get involved because she had adopted two Vietnamese children.

With Andrews’ financial support, Walden’s brainstorm grew into Operation USA, a thriving disaster relief organization now headquartered in West Hollywood. In thirty-four years of existence the nonprofit has provided services to some 100 countries, dispensed $400 million in aid, and shared in the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for its role in the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

Four hundred million dollars over more than three decades is pocket change compared to the sheer volume of funds available to the American Red Cross and other major relief organizations. But Walden keeps Operation USA small by design, preferring to run a ten-person nonprofit that accepts no federal money. Instead, he raises money through foundations, private donations, and corporate matching social responsibility funds, and through sponsorship of benefit concerts and movie premieres. Doing so buys him the independence to get money where it’s needed fast and the latitude to skirt the vicissitudes of U.S. policy and work where he wants, often negotiating directly with foreign governments.

Operation USA is “like a one-man AID at this point,” says Walden, referring to the U.S. government’s foreign assistance program. Walden’s interest is piqued when he can work somewhere new with partners who can pay for the shipping of supplies and not steal the product — an issue in parts of the world.

Having grown up in the glow of Hollywood, the Los Angeles native casts himself in the role of a freelancing, Indiana Jones-like character who seeks adventure and plays by his own rules. Walden, who is the president and CEO of Operation USA, regularly inserts himself into hotspots, such as Cuba, where he supplied pediatric hospitals and counts Fidel Castro as an admirer; Sierra Leone, where his organization shipped incubators, baby warmers, X-ray and ultrasound equipment to the war-stricken country; and Cambodia, where he conducted the first private airlift of supplies after the overthrow of Pol Pot. Although Walden spends more time overseas, he has also ridden to the rescue of Americans besieged by Hurricane Katrina and the Oklahoma City tornado, supporting 50 community health centers in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mississippi and sending money, cleaning supplies and generators to Oklahoma. Last year he provided cash grants and sent cleaning supplies to New Jersey and New York after Hurricane Sandy.

In some circles, he is best known for his work on the campaign to ban landmines, for which his organization shared the ultimate accolade, the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize. (He didn’t get a big head over it, and, in fact, lobbied the Nobel Committee for the prize to go to landmine victims.)

At that time there were approximately 100 million landmines in the world. Experts say 26,000 civilians are killed
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or injured by them every year. Walden had been providing prosthetic limbs to victims in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and a host of other countries, but he wanted to eliminate landmines altogether. So he joined a coalition of organizations and set out to find an advanced technology to detect and dispose of the deadly explosives.

He was fortunate to meet the former head of NASA’s robotics unit on a chance visit to his daughter’s summer “Robot Camp.” She invited him to address 400 NASA scientists. One thing led to another and eventually Walden found himself meeting with the Departments of Defense and State to convince officials to support the development of new mine detection technology. When that went nowhere, Walden spoke with scientists at California’s Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and New Mexico’s Los Alamos National Laboratory, best known for the development of nuclear weapons, and they agreed to send scientists to field test new technologies to detect landmines in Cambodia. But all of his efforts came to naught. One hundred twenty-one countries signed a treaty in Canada to ban landmines, and the Nobel committee recognized the achievement. However, the treaty had been undercut when several key countries, including the United States, Israel and Russia, withheld support.

Despite his good works, Walden acknowledges that early critics in the relief community considered him a Hollywood huckster. But he remains unbowed. He touts his ties to A-list celebrities such as Bill Maher and Jackson Browne and brags about his production of benefit concerts with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Placido Domingo and more.

He also embraces his bleeding heart liberalism, showcased in the columns he writes for The Huffington Post about service, charity and his distaste for behemoth disaster relief organizations, which he regularly criticizes for devoting too much of their resources to overhead and bloated salaries. Overall, the 67-year-old Walden has figured out how to revel in the role of earnest everyman while having, truth be told, a helluva time saving the world.

“The notion that you’re flying in somewhere with a load of antibiotics or water pumps or malaria nets is very satisfying,” says Walden, “especially if you’re the one who gathered them together and arranged for the plane and you weren’t just a passive person in a grant-making organization.”

Walden says he lives in a modest house by Hollywood mogul standards and earns less than a first-year associate at a big law firm. But there are perks. He receives tens of millions of frequent flyer miles from United Airlines to fly anywhere in the world at a moment’s notice; he pays nothing for a 25,000-square-foot warehouse supplied by the City of Los Angeles; and he gets to work closely with his friend Julie Andrews.

Doug Frenkel W’68, L’72, who went to college and law school with Walden, expresses admiration for his charitable chutzpah. “He’s always been a real entrepreneur and operator and audacious,” says Frenkel, the former director of the Penn Law Gittis Center for Clinical Legal Studies. “How many people have done what he’s done? He’s done a lot and in a unique way. You’ve got to marvel, or at least have huge respect, for what he’s pulled off.”

Walden spent his Penn Law years as a rebel with a cause. Even then, he exhibited a showman’s flair and ability to place himself in the center of the action. To wit, Walden belonged to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a bastion of Black Power, at a time when it purged itself of white members. Walden gained instant street cred when he recruited NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain, a committed Republican, to participate in a fund-raising event in West Philadelphia. Of a piece, he represented notorious Black Panther leader Huey Newton in a civil rights case against Police Chief Frank Rizzo and the Philadelphia Police Department. Walden, Elizabeth Freed-
man L’72, and two local lawyers won in federal court.

During that period, Walden also accepted an invitation from Penn Law professor Ed Sparer to join him in Las Vegas to protest the denial of benefits to hotel maids. The protest culminated with a march through the doors of Caesar’s Palace orchestrated by civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy, the heir to Martin Luther King, Jr., although the highlight might have been Walden’s shared occupancy of a motel suite with Jane Fonda, fresh off her starring role in Barbarella. They became lifelong friends.

Indeed, the anything-goes spirit of his college years carried over to Walden’s career. After graduation, he snagged a job as deputy counsel of the New York City Health Services Administration under Mayor John V. Lindsay, before moving back to California to work for Legal Aid of San Diego and for Gov. Jerry Brown.

Gov. Brown appointed Walden commissioner of hospitals after he filed four ACLU lawsuits over a series of deaths in state mental institutions. When the governor called Walden late at night to complain, he invited Brown to bring along his girlfriend Linda Ronstadt and tour state hospitals with him that night. Before long, the phone rang again, this time with an offer to lead the hospital system he had criticized.

Similarly, Operation USA grew out of grievance, as well as Walden’s realization that he had a knack for bailing out people in need. His trip to Malaysia to aid the Boat People bred an extraordinary string of projects for an organization with an annual budget of less than $2 million.

Walden has logged three million miles to heal the world’s wounds. He’s been to the most dangerous places on earth, sometimes using old Playboy magazines (his wife, Rosanne Katon, is a former Playboy centerfold) to defuse crises, such as when, on his way to El Salvador, he diverted a Mexican customs official intent on collecting $100,000 in tribute. He’s made up to 300 shipments a year, spawning, by his account, a new generation of NGOs who use his model to collaborate with companies and ship surplus supplies abroad.

“He’s found a niche … and has been able to be very creative,” says Michael Mahdesian, former deputy for the Bureau of Humanitarian Response at the U.S. State Department and USAID during the Clinton administration and chairman of the board of Operation USA. “If he hits a wall he’ll find ways to go around it or drill under it.”

In recent years, Walden has become more interested in long-term education and development projects than in immediate disaster relief. Ever resourceful, he finagled two new Boeing 737s to transport a load of books and establish the first public library in Rwanda. Earlier this year, Operation USA joined with Honeywell to open a senior citizens center in a fishing village in Japan that had been decimated by the tsunami. But his organization’s landmark achievement was a 40,000-square-foot school complex in Haiti after a 7.0 earthquake destroyed more than 4,000 schools.

The Haiti project is vintage Walden. He teamed with Honeywell again to build nine school buildings in the seaside town of Jacmel. Bigger organizations pledged millions of dollars but their projects remain sidelined, ensnared in red tape almost three years later. Meanwhile, Walden formed a bond with the mayor to cut through the bureaucracy and corruption. He managed to get an architectural firm and a structural engineering company to donate their services, and he completed an earthquake-resistant complex, with a computer lab, library, cafeteria, a sustainable community garden, and an athletic field, in one of the poorest countries on earth, six months after the quake.

Walden nursed a vision when he started out thirty-four years ago. He would work with companies to deliver surplus goods to regions torched by war, devastated by nature, or both. He’d wear a white hat in a black arts world. Back in the late seventies, practically no NGOs followed Walden’s path. Today there are hundreds, some of which work with celebrities and corporations to bring light to the darkest corners of civilization.

It is almost as if Operation USA is in the mainstream. Oh, how Walden must hate that notion.
THE RINGMASTER
Armed with years of experience for some of the biggest names in fashion, Joanne Ooi L’93, a born entrepreneur, decided to start her own business in 1997: she opened two boutiques in Hong Kong with merchandise targeted to the style cognoscenti. With the vision of a curator, she sold items like vintage Grateful Dead tees reworked into embroidered one-of-the-kind skirts and hand-painted lambskin bags.

One store, Style Trek, turned high profits. The other boutique foundered. The mass market location didn’t bring in the kind of discerning customers Ooi sought. Throw in the divorce she was going through and Ooi decided to close up shop and move on.

But fear not, fashionistas. The indomitable Ooi has returned with a new venture predicated on the lessons she learned running the e-commerce hub of Style Trek. Plukka, an online fine jewelry company, takes its name from the words “pukka” (which means genuine, reliable, proper) and “pluck” (a synonym for courage and resolution). The reviews have been sterling. Jewelry News Asia, the world’s largest jewelry fair, declared Plukka the Most Innovative Retailer of last year and in 2013 named her company e-tailer of the Year. IDEX, the industry’s most authoritative news outlet, praised the business model in a story headlined “Wake Up & Smell the Paradigm Shift.”

With its online-only, made to order stock, Plukka cuts out the middleman and eliminates many of the costs associated with brick and mortar stores, showrooms and inventory, and the high markups of designer jewelry retailers. Having no inventory frees Plukka to offer edgy and unconventional jewelry, such as the diamond “Ramses II” ring with three projecting pyramids of 18 karat rose gold and the diamond “Serpent's Birdcage” earrings, which feature an intricate bird cage suspended from a curled snake and a setting of pink sapphires and tsavorites, a rare gemstone; or classic pieces such as the Eterna, an adjustable sterling silver necklace coated with gray diamonds on the front and sides.

Ooi learned from Style Trek that there is a customer base “one inch wide and ten miles deep. In a flat world,” she says, “very deep, rich niche markets can exist because of the ability to network together customers all around the world, to create economies of scale.” A decade before it became, well, fashionable, Ooi found while running Style Trek that e-commerce and fashion turn on the idea of curation, which is to say, the idiosyncratic tastes of the owner.

Plukka’s motto is, “What we make is what you want.” The company doesn’t make a piece of jewelry unless someone wants it, and goes a step further with what is called a reverse auction in which consumers set the price. Prices go down — sometimes as much as 20 percent — in proportion to the number of customers who place orders. Not bad for a site where the average price is $1,500 and the average value of each sale is $750.

Ooi, who still lives in Hong Kong with her second husband and 14-year-old son, was born in Singapore to parents who were medical researchers. They decided to move the family to Cincinnati to advance their careers. It was a childhood similar to the one chronicled in the best-seller that described the Asian emphasis on work and achievement.

Ooi returned to Asia after graduating from Penn Law. “I wanted to step out of the typical law grad narrative as soon as possible and, based on a vacation to Hong Kong, decided that it was the place for me. Twenty years ago, Hong Kong really had a Wild West entrepreneurial atmosphere which I found very compelling and still do,” says Ooi.

She started her career with what she called “lowly, hard work” supervising fashion brands manufactured in China. She spent her formative years as Asian sales chief for French shoe designer Stéphane Kélian. “I learned everything except how to make products, literally,” Ooi says. “I used to take shoe samples in a suitcase to virgin markets like Indonesia and just figure it all out on the fly. I would visit the top shopping malls, identify the most prestigious retailers and wheedle their salespeople into calling the boss, so that I could introduce myself and Stéphane Kélian to them in person. I was completely fearless and nothing could embarrass or intimidate me. This is really the foundation of what success I’ve enjoyed in my career: developing the mettle to deal with rejection and adversity. To my mind, that’s what’s most important. It’s about character, not genius.”
Ooi built ‘character’ through a series of experiences in the fashion industry, first with Style Trek, her luxury accessories shop and e-tailing venture which became the model for Plukka, and then with a high-profile position with Shanghai Tang, a chic Chinese brand owned by the Richemont Group, the world’s second-largest luxury goods conglomerate. As creative director for seven years, Ooi had responsibility for every single product, ad campaign, and store window. She invigorated the brand, revamping the entire product line and company image. All of which put her on the cover of Fast Company magazine.

At what seemed the height of her career, she took an unlikely detour and became an activist, serving as chief marketing officer of Filligent, a manufacturer of filters that are said to reduce the toxicity of a cigarette by about 30 percent. Ooi says she saw the product as a means to reduce the effects of smoking in developing countries such as China and as an opportunity to participate in a global grassroots campaign and learn about public health and NGOs.

She steeped herself in this world, co-founding the Clean Air Network in 2009 with Christine Loh, a former Hong Kong legislator, and others. So successful was their work in bringing attention to the environment and lobbying for legislation that Time magazine nominated the two women to its list of the world’s most influential people.

To an outsider, the professional 180 might have seemed a radical leap. But for Ooi, it was business as usual. “I enjoy mastering new areas of knowledge,” says Ooi, who explains that she has spent her life avoiding the easy and conventional paths in favor of seemingly insurmountable challenges. “The main impetus to dramatic career change has been intellectual stimulation.” Despite her newfound interest in environmental work, Ooi wanted to get back to running a business, where the metrics are more definable and easier to measure. Casting about for ideas, her opportunity came when she and her business partner met a veteran of the fine jewelry trade at a dinner party and decided to apply their group buying and manufacturing model to a new business named Plukka. It didn’t hurt that Ooi, a self-described style iconoclast, says that she is “nuts about fine jewelry.”

Plukka went live in late December 2011 with a three-times-a-week digital newsletter. In May 2012, the company launched its e-commerce site. Today, Plukka is moving toward the exclusive sale of made-to-order jewelry and weekly flash sales. It is also expanding beyond the virtual world with pop-up sales and private viewings. Ooi envisions a showroom that gives customers the opportunity to see and handle the product. Customers always want to see high-ticket items in person, so they can judge gemstone quality, colors, materials and craftsmanship.

Customers who take the time will see one-of-a-kind jewelry, such as the Ying Yang Ring with curving loops of white and black diamonds, emerald teardrop earrings, or a U-shaped asymmetrical green garnet bracelet.

Ooi is not immune to the charms of her merchandise. “I own a lot of jewelry from our site,” she says. “I wear our Eterna and Parabola necklaces most days.”

She clearly knows what she likes, as both a customer and a seller.

Like Father, Like Son applies in more ways than one to the Sensenbrenners, who share the name Joe and an affiliation with Penn Law.

Although their career paths diverged, their mutual connection to Penn Law led them to establish a scholarship. F. Joseph Sensenbrenner Jr. L’73 retired after a distinguished career in public service, including serving three terms as the widely praised mayor of Madison, Wis. His son, Joseph Sensenbrenner L’06, prosecuted securities fraud in Delaware as a deputy attorney general before moving on to Philadelphia Financial, where he is director and counsel with involvement in insurance and investment management.

Careers aside, their shared experience and parallel interests in Penn Law came together last year.

“We both thought that Penn Law had a profound effect on our careers and provided us excellent professional opportunities in different ways,” said the younger Sensenbrenner.

Father and son established the fund to encourage students to pursue public service careers, particularly those related to policy, administration and elective office at the local, state or federal level.

“I’d like to increase the pipeline, the core of people who are considering putting their shoulders to the wheel in a civic sense,” said the senior Sensenbrenner.

“It will be exciting to see public service-minded folks, who have the ambition and drive to execute on that, accessing public service careers without incurring the debt that makes a legal education prohibitive,” said his son.

The younger Sensenbrenner has two sons not named Joe – Jack, 4, and Matthew, 2. Time will tell whether they will one day be part of the “like father, like son” tradition at Penn Law.
1950s

Edward (Ned) W. Madeira Jr. A.B.’49, L’52 has been selected by The Legal Intelligencer for its first Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes “noteworthy individuals that helped to shape the law in Pennsylvania.” He is chair emeritus and senior counsel with Pepper Hamilton LLP, having been with the firm since 1953. He served as chair of the firm’s Litigation Department from 1982 to 1992, vice chair of the firm from 1989 to 1992, and co-chair of the firm from 1992 to 1994.

1960s

Bruce B. Wilson L’61 has been appointed to the board of trustees of The Hill at Whitemarsh in Lafayette Hill, Pa. Bruce is the retired senior vice president, law and government affairs, for Conrail Inc.

Pasco L. Schiavo L’62 was recognized by the Pennsylvania Bar Association as a 50-year member. Pasco was also recognized by the Luzerne County Bar Association for reaching the milestone. In addition to his Hazleton practice, Pasco served as a Luzerne County assistant district attorney and as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.


Jim Strazzella L’64 received the 2013 Ida Newman Magic of Play Award for his commitment to improving the lives of children. Jim was also honored by Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse for a decade-long effort to establish and lead a nonprofit that saved and rejuvenated the famous Philadelphia historic theater site, located in Fairmount Park.

Nicholas D. Constan Jr. L’64 has been elected to the board of trustees of the Library Company of Philadelphia, a nonprofit research library founded by Benjamin Franklin. He is a professor in the Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics at the Wharton School.

Patricia Ann Metzer CW’63, L’66 has been appointed a committee member of Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown, N.J. She is a tax attorney at Mayotte & Singer in Cambridge, Mass.


Daniel R. Ross L’66 has been named secretary of Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse Inc. He is a partner at Ross & McCrea, LLP, in Philadelphia.

Stewart R. Cades W’64, L’67 has joined the board of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. Stewart is president and CEO of Overseas Strategic Consulting, Ltd., in Philadelphia. He is also a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and is vice president of the Fabric Workshop and Museum.

John P. Proctor L’67 has been appointed to the board of directors of USA Synthetf Fuel Corporation. John specialized in environmental and energy law and was the co-head of the environmental practice group at Winston & Strawn LLP from 1980 to 2008.

Salvatore M. Debunda W’65, L’68 has been elected to the board of Encore Series, Inc, Philadelphia, which presents the Philly Pops. He is a partner at the law firm of Archer & Greiner.

John W. Fischer L’68 has been elected president of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, a nonprofit public botanical garden, in Devon, Pa. He is a retired attorney with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP.

James R. Redeker L’68 has been recognized among “The Nation’s Most Powerful Employment and Immigration Attorneys – Top 100.” A partner in the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris LLP in the firm’s Employment, Labor, Benefits and Immigration Practice Group, he represents a wide range of companies in all aspects of their personnel and labor relations.

J. Freedley Hunsicker Jr. L’69 has been selected for Best Lawyers in America 2014. J. Freedley, who specializes in employment law, works in the Philadelphia regional office of Fisher & Phillips in Radnor, Pa. He was first named to the list in 1996.

John F. Meigs L’69, a partner at Saul Ewing LLP has been elected to the board of trustees of the Library Company of Philadelphia, a nonprofit research library founded by Benjamin Franklin.

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Carl S. Tannenbaum L’70 has been named a 2013 Super Lawyer. Carl, a partner in the business and finance department of Philadelphia firm Kleinbard Bell & Brecker LLP, was recognized in the area of business/corporate.

Barry M. Abelson L’71 has been named Philadelphia Corporate Governance Law “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers. Barry is chair emeritus and a partner in the commercial department of Pepper Hamilton LLP. He also was named by Best Lawyers as Philadelphia “Lawyer of the Year” for Mergers and Acquisitions.

Henry S. Bryans L’71 has been elected a board member of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, a nonprofit public botanical garden, in Devon, Pa. Henry is a senior vice president and executive director at Aon Corp.

Bernard B. Kolodner L’71 has been named a 2013 Super Lawyer. Bernard, a partner in the Philadelphia firm Kleinbard Bell & Brecker LLP and practice leader of the firm’s real estate group, was recognized in the area of real estate.

Elmer Ellsworth “El” McMeen III L’72 has written a book with San Francisco attorney Steve Baughman titled Objection! Overruled! (Or, Two Lawyers Have A Little “Chat” about God and Hell. It is available at http://booklocker.com/books/6821.html.

Doug McPheters L’72 has published Goshawk, a legal and financial thriller. The novel
DENNIS DRABELLE’S
TOP 10

AS A CONTRIBUTING EDITOR TO THE WASHINGTON POST’S BOOK WORLD since 1984, as well as a freelance writer (he’s a contributor to the Penn Gazette) and book author, Dennis Drabelle G’66, L’69 is literally never at a loss for words. He’s the author of ‘Mile-High Fever: Silver Mines, Boom Towns, and High Living on the Comstock Lode (St. Martin’s Press, 2009) and The Great American Railroad War: How Ambrose Pierce and Frank Norris Took on the Notorious Central Pacific Railroad (St. Martin’s Press, 2012). In 1996 he won the National Book Critic Circle’s award for excellence in reviewing. He’s reviewed approximately 700 books, the majority of them while at the newspaper, and has read more than 3,000 books since the late 1970s. The following have made a lasting impression on him.

MY TEN FAVORITE BOOKS

1. **A TRAIN OF POWDER** (1955)
   *BY REBECCA WEST*
   This collection of journalism by a brilliant Englishwoman contains two masterpieces: her coverage of the Nuremberg Trials for the New Yorker; and “Opera in Greenville,” about a lynching trial in the American South.

2. **SCOTT AND AMUNDSEN** (1980)
   *BY ROLAND HUNTFORD*
   In a hugely enjoyable book that is tantamount to an extended legal brief (and which started the craze for all things polar), Scott of the Antarctic is indicted for utter incompetence.

3. **NO NAME** (1862)
   *BY WILKIE COLLINS*
   Most people prefer *The Woman in White* and *The Moonstone*, Collins’s pioneering works of sensationalist fiction, but I like this one best because it demonstrates that a battle of wits can be as gripping as a battle of guns or knives.

4. **YOUNG MEN AND FIRE** (1992)
   *BY NORMAN MACLEAN*
   Reviewing this for the Washington Post, I said that what Melville did for the great white whale, Maclean does for a Montana wildfire and those who fought it. I still stand by that comparison.

5. **CATCH-22** (1961)
   *BY JOSEPH HELLER*
   For my money, the funniest book ever written.

   For sheer storytelling prowess, Dahl was unbeatable.

7. **LORD DISMISS US** (1967)
   *BY MICHAEL CAMPBELL*
   A neglected novel about prep school, gay love, and how not to manage an institution.

8. **ARABIAN SANDS** (1959)
   *BY WILFRED THESIGER*
   Written by arguably the greatest twentieth-century explorer, this is a paean to a way of life that was slipping away as the author recorded it. (I was lucky enough to meet Thesiger and write about him before he died.)

   *BY RUTH RENDELL WRITING AS BARBARA VINE*
   For me Rendell (pronounced RENdell, unlike the case with the Philly politician) is the greatest living mystery writer, and this novel of murder and repression may be her best.

10. **THE STORIES OF JOHN CHEEVER** (1978)
    An incomparable stylist who saw and depicted the glory and tragedy of the American suburbs.

helped inspire the touchless, holographic HoloTouch HMI technology, which formed the basis for Doug’s business, HoloTouch, Inc.

David L. Pollack L’72 testified at a hearing before an American Bankruptcy Institute panel studying ways to overhaul Chapter 11. David is a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP.

Michael L. Browne L’74 has been named to the board of the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. Michael is president and CEO of Harleysville Insurance.

Alberto Ibarquen L’74 has been named to the board of directors of American Airlines Group Inc., the combined parent company of American Airlines, Inc. and US Airways Group, Inc. Alberto has served as a director of AMR Corporation, the parent company of American Airlines and American since 2008. He has served as president and chief executive officer of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation since July 2005.

Helen Pomerantz Pudlin CW’71, GED’71, L’74 has been elected to the board of trustees of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Helen currently serves as the chair of the board of trustees for the Wistar Institute, an independent nonprofit biomedical research institute and an international leader in basic biomedical research, and is a member of the board of overseers at Penn Law.

Michael Kraemer L’72 has rejoined White and Williams LLP as counsel in the Labor and Employment Group in the Boston office. His practice is focused on labor and employment matters, representing business, governmental, and not-for-profit employers in all phases of labor and employment law matters. Michael was a partner in White and Williams’ Philadelphia office from 1985 to 2002, where he established and chaired the firm’s Labor and Employment group.

George R. Burrell L’74, a partner in Kleinbard Bell & Brecker LLP’s Business and Finance Department, was a speaker at the ABA Law Student Division 3rd Circuit Spring Meeting on “The Legislature and Your Law Degree” in February at Rutgers-Camden School of Law. The panelists discussed their...
experiences working with state and local legislatures and the types of opportunities available to lawyers in the field. He is co-practice leader of Kleinbard’s Government Relations group.

H. Ronald Klasko L’74 has been named as one of the “Most Powerful Employment Attorneys in Immigration Law” in the country by Human Resources Executive magazine. The magazine named only 20 lawyers in its June edition. He has also has been appointed chair of the EB-5 Investor Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. This is Ron’s fourth appointment to chair this committee. He is founding member and managing partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer LLP.

James A. Backstrom L’76 was awarded the Legion of Merit upon his retirement as a Navy Captain, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, after over 30 years of commissioned service in the reserves. Captain Backstrom’s duties included counsel in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and advisor to commanders at Pearl Harbor and Great Lakes, Illinois, as well as at JAG headquarters in Washington, DC.

Lawrence Cohan L’76 was named president-elect of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. He will take office in June 2014. Lawrence was also named “2013 Lawyer of the Year in Mass Tort and Class Actions” by Philadelphia’s Best Lawyers. He is managing partner and senior trial counsel of the New Jersey office of Anapol Schwartz.

Gail P. Granoff L’76 was elected treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Gail is a founder and principal of Reaching Agreement ADR LLC, a dispute resolution company.

Michael P. Malloy L’76 published the first 2013 supplement to his three-volume treatise, Banking Law and Regulation, offering up-to-date coverage of current developments concerning the regulation of depository institutions, from birth to death and beyond. He also delivered the opening paper at the 10th Annual International Conference on Law. The paper, “Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision: New Concepts and Challenges,” explored new approaches to international bank supervision. Michael is a distinguished professor of law at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Lee A. Rosengard L’76, a partner at Bradley Ronon in Philadelphia, has been appointed to the Directors’ and Officers’ Liability Insurance Group, recently launched by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. He is counsel and chair of the Alternative Dispute-Resolution practice group.

Bruce Wolfson C’74, L’77 has joined the New York office of Bingham McCutchen LLP as counsel in its Corporate-Practice group. He is an adjunct professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, where he has taught a course on emerging capital markets and debt-restructuring since 1999.

Richard J. Green L’77, WG’78 has been appointed to the Penn Medicine board of trustees for a three-year term. Richard is the CEO and vice chairman of Firstrust Bank.

Richard P. Schifter L’78 has been named to the board of directors of American Airlines Group Inc., the combined parent company of American Airlines, Inc. and US Airways Group, Inc. Richard has been a partner at TPG Capital since 1994. Prior to joining TPG, he was a partner at the law firm of Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C., where he specialized in bankruptcy law and corporate restructuring and represented Air Partners in connection with the acquisition of Continental Airlines in 1993.

Albert S. Dandridge III GL’79 has been elected vice chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Albert, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, is chair of the Securities practice group and chief diversity officer.

Claude P. Goddard L’79 has been named to “The BTI Client Service All-Star Team for Law Firms 2013,” determined by nominations directly from general counsel. Claude works in Husch Blackwell’s Washington, D.C., office as a member of the firm’s government contracts team and has focused on federal procurement law for more than 20 years.

Gerald A. McHugh Jr. L’79 has been nominated by President Obama to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a partner at Raynes McCarty and president emeritus of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Inc., the umbrella organization for legal assistance to the poor throughout the state.

John J. Sarchio L’79 has joined Holland & Knight in New York as chair of its insurance industry practice team.

Kenneth J. Warren L’79, who has practiced environmental law for more than 20 years, has formed a new firm, Warren Glass LLP, based in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He also has been named to the board of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation.

1980s

Reginald Jackson L’80, a partner in the Columbus, Ohio office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been included on the 2014 Best Lawyers in America list. Reginald was selected as a Best Lawyer for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights.

Dorothy A. Malloy L’80 was named of counsel for Villanova University. She advises the president on select matters with an emphasis on governance, policy development and dispute resolution. She had been general counsel for 24 years.

Robert I. Feinberg L’81, an attorney with Feinberg & Alban, P.C. in Boston, obtained the highest jury verdict in the last two years for a personal injury in Massachusetts. His client, a boilermaker, suffered burns after a water heater exploded and scaled his body. The total verdict including consortium claims and with interest was $7.79 million. It was also the highest award in a decade for a premises liability case in Massachusetts. A complete description can be found at www.feinbergalan.com which includes an article about the case in the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly.

Francine Friedman, managing member of Griesing Law LLC in Philadelphia, was recently selected as a 2013 Hall of Fame Brava! winner by SmartCEO magazine. The Brava! award recognizes top female CEOs in the region who combine irrepressible entrepreneurial spirit with a passion for giving back to the community. Fran was a 2012 Brava! recipient and was inducted into the 2013 Hall of Fame for having achieved the most among her 2012 award class.

Jay M. Levin C’77, L’81, counsel in the Insurance Recovery group at Reed Smith LLP, co-authored “Recent Developments in Property Insurance Coverage Litigation,” which was published in the ABA’s Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal in April.
Hugh E. McKay L’81, partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office of Porter Wright, has been recognized as one of America’s leading lawyers by Chambers USA 2013 in the area of Litigation: General Commercial.

William A. Denmark L’82 has been named managing partner at Jacoby Donner P.C. in Philadelphia.

Debra Fickler L’82 has been promoted to vice president and general counsel at Villanova University. She previously was deputy general counsel. In her new role, Debra oversees all legal affairs at the University.

Philip A. Miscimarra L’82, W/G’82, a former partner in Morgan Lewis’ Labor and Employment practice in the Chicago office, has confirmed to serve on the National Labor Relations Board. Philip is also a former senior fellow at the Wharton Business School, where he was managing director of the Wharton Center for Human Resources Research Advisory Group and employment law adviser to the center’s Financial Services Group.

Robert Marchman L’83 has been named chairman of the Northeast Board of Operation HOPE Inc. Operation Hope is a nonprofit private banker for the working poor, the underserved, and the struggling middle class. Robert is the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority’s executive vice president and head of the market regulation department’s legal group.

Mark Menting L’83, a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York, was named a “Dealmaker of the Year” by The American Lawyer for advising ING Groep on a series of worldwide asset sales after the financial institution was ordered to split its global insurance and banking operations.

Richard L. Brand L’84, a partner in the business department at Arent Fox and chair of the firm’s Sports Practice group, relocated to the West Coast to open the firm’s new office in San Francisco. Richard represents a number of professional sports teams in deals that include media rights, naming rights, acquisitions of franchises and sponsorships.

Jay A. Dubow W’81, L’84 has been appointed chair of the Securities Litigation Subcommittee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association. Jay is a partner in Pepper Hamilton LLP’s Philadelphia office, where he is a member of the White Collar Litigation and Investigations practice group and co-chair of the Securities and Financial Services Enforcement Group.

Tsuien M. Law L’84 received the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award in March from the Pennsylvania Bar for his “outstanding leadership and service to the legal profession, the minority community, and the citizens of Pennsylvania.”

Jonathan A. Segal C’82, L’85 has been recognized among “The Nation’s Most Powerful Employment and Immigration Attorneys – Top 100.” A partner in the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris LLP in the firm’s Employment, Labor, Benefits and Immigration practice group, he is also the managing principal of the Duane Morris Institute, which provides training for human resource professionals, in-house counsel, benefits administrators and managers.

Adam A. Veltri L’85 has become counsel at Steptoe & Johnson in Denver. Since 2010, he has been in private practice in Denver, advising U.S. and international energy companies in oil and gas arrangements and joint venture development projects.

Leon Charles Boghossian III L’86 has been appointed president of The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre in Pawtucket, R.I. He is partner in the Providence law firm of Hinckley Allen, focusing his practice in the area of trusts and estates.

Jeffrey D. Kahn L’86 has been named to the board of the Anti-Defamation League of Eastern Pennsylvania/Southern New Jersey/Delaware. He is executive vice president and general counsel of the Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania.

Marc C. Krantz L’86 has been appointed chair of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority’s Board of Directors. Marc is managing partner of the Cleveland law firm of Kehrer Jackson & Krantz PLL.

Patty Shwartz L’86 was confirmed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Shwartz was previously a magistrate judge in the District of New Jersey. She is on the advisory board for the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey, the Board of Advisors for the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the Board of Directors of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, where she represents the Third Circuit.

Dexter R. Hamilton L’87 has been appointed to the board of the Lawyers’ Club of Philadelphia. He is an attorney at Cozen O’Connor in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Rosato L’87, dean and professor of law at Northern Illinois University College of Law, was recently honored with a 2013 Vanguard Award from The Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois at the Standard Club in Chicago. The Vanguard Award recognizes lawyers, judges and institutions who champion diversity, making the law and the legal profession more accessible to and reflective of the community at large. Appointed in 2009, Jennifer became only the second Latina law school dean in the nation.

Lisa J. Sotto L’87, head of global privacy and data security practice and managing partner of the New York office of Hunton & Williams LLP, has been named to the “The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America” list by the National Law Journal.

Abbe Fay Fltman L’88 was named to the Planned Giving Advisory Council of the Free Library of Philadelphia. She is a member of the Intellectual Property and Litigation departments and co-chair of the Government Relations practice group at Flaster Greenberg P.C.

John Patrick Groarke L’88 was sworn in as a mission director to Haiti by the U.S. Agency for International Development. He will oversee USAID’s programs in infrastructure and energy, food and economic security, health and other basic services, and rule of law and governance. He previously served as mission director to Morocco.

Stella M. Tsai L’88, a partner with Archer & Greiner in Philadelphia, has been named a 2013 Pennsylvania Diverse Attorney of the Year by The Legal Intelligencer, the Philadelphia-based legal journal. She served as chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Diversity in the Profession Committee and in 2011 as president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

Maria M. Pabón-López L’89, who is dean of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, has been named a 2013 Woman of the Year by New Orleans CityBusiness. Prior to becoming dean in 2011, Maria was professor of law at Indiana University School of Law. She is the recipient of the 2011 Sigüeme Award from the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Latino Student Association, the 2008 Diversity
Thomas D. Jones III
in the Burger King Corporation.

Anthony Enrique Moralejo L’90 has been appointed chief development officer of Church’s Chicken, responsible for domestic and international expansion of the global quick-service chicken chain. His responsibilities also include franchising, reimaging, construction and real estate management. Anthony joins Church’s Chicken after more than 15 years in senior positions in the Burger King Corporation.

Thomas C. “Tom” Clark III
L’90 has been appointed chief ethics and compliance officer of Aetna, where he will oversee, develop and integrate compliance strategies, policies and procedures across Aetna’s enterprise and lead the compliance department.

Albert P. Parker L’90 was named executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc., located near Boston, Mass. He is responsible for managing all aspects of the company’s legal affairs, as well as Sunovion’s government affairs group.

Thomas C. “Tom” Clark III
L’91 has been recognized as a leading lawyer for real estate law in the 2014 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Tom is a shareholder in the Birmingham, Ala., office of Maynard, Cooper & Gale PC.

Scott A. Coffina L’92 has been named to the board of the Committee of Seventy, a nonpartisan organization fighting for clean and effective government, fair elections, and a better-informed citizenry in Philadelphia and the region. He is a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

Enrique “Rick” J. Martin L’92 will serve as the administrative partner in the first Florida office of the global law firm Jones Day. Rick, who recently joined the firm as a partner in the Mergers & Acquisitions practice, has practiced in Miami for more than 20 years, providing corporate, securities, and cross-border advice to his clients.

Steven M. Reinsel L’92, of counsel with Leech Tishman Pittsburgh’s office, was named a 2013 Super Lawyer by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine.

Christopher G. Smith C’97, L’92, a partner at Smith Anderson law firm in Raleigh, N.C., received the Defense Research Institute’s nationwide award for Exceptional Performance and for Diversity and Inclusion in recognition of his accomplishments during a one-year term as president of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys.

Jessica Smith C’87, L’92, a faculty member at the University of North Carolina’s School of Government, has been named the W.R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor by the chancellor. The professorship was awarded based on scholarly achievement.

Howard T. Spiiklo L’92, who serves as a member of the executive committee of Kramer Levin in New York, has been named co-chair of the firm’s corporate practice. Howard works with a broad range of clients from large multinational companies to private equity firms, hedge funds, and entrepreneurial ventures across many different industries.

Wendy Beetlestone L’93 will chair a special committee on the transfer of the Porter Township Initiative Independent School District to the Wallenpaupack Area School District. Wendy, a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller, has more than 20 years of experience in public and private sector education law and litigation, including serving as general counsel of the School District of Philadelphia. She is a member of the Board of Managers of Penn Law.

Daniel Mark Boockvar C’93, L’96 has been appointed the first-ever chief customer officer for Girl Scouts of the USA. Daniel previously served as senior vice president of U.S. operations at Weight Watchers.

Monique Y. De Lapenha L’93 has been elected to the board of Mount Airy USA, a nonprofit community-development organization. Monique is a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP in Philadelphia.

Norberto A. Garcia L’93 was installed in January as president of the Hudson County Bar Association, New Jersey’s oldest county bar association. He is the principal attorney at Norberto A. Garcia, LLC in Jersey City, specializing in civil litigation, and a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

F. Scott Kieff L’94 was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a member of the U.S. International Trade Commission. Scott is a Fred C. Stevenson Research professor at George Washington University Law School and a Ray and Louis Knowles Senior Fellow at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution.

Michael D. LiPuma C’90, L’94 has been elected to the boards of Community Legal Services and Philadelphia Legal Assistance.

Stephanie M. Gitlin L’94 has become counsel at Pierce LLC in West Hartford, Conn. She co-founded Deeds for Needs, a nonprofit organization that assists individuals and families in need in the community.

Ronnie L. Bloom C’80, L’95 has been elected to the board of First Hospital Foundation, a Philadelphia group that supports nonprofit organizations whose programs address the health needs of the most vulnerable and underserved populations. She is a partner at Opportunities Exchange, which helps organizations that work with low-income people to improve their financial sustainability and program quality.

Betsy Brubaker McGill L’95 has been promoted to vice president and deputy general counsel of Comcast-Spectacor, the Philadelphia-based sports and entertainment company. She will continue to focus on human resources and employment-related matters for all the Comcast-Spectacor companies.

Emeline Yang L’95, who practices banking and finance law with the Winstead firm in Dallas, Texas, has been ranked in the 2013 Chambers USA Guide. Emeline, a shareholder at the firm, was also recognized by D Magazine as a Best Lawyer in Dallas.

Elizabeth S. Fenton L’98 has joined the Philadelphia office of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aufmuth as a shareholder. Beth litigates, arbitrates and tries cases involving business torts, joint venture dissolutions, and corporate governance disputes. She also has been reappointed co-chair of the Business Litigation and Competition Law Committee for the American Bar Association Section of Litigation.

Darren Tucker L’98 has joined the law firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP as a litigation partner in its Washington, D.C., office. Darren concentrates his practice on antitrust law, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, technology, and healthcare. He previously served as the adviser to Federal Trade
Kennedy’s Call to Service Still Calls Out to Young People

Scott Reich ’05, L’08 looks at our fractured politics and hungers for the leadership of a president who was killed twenty years before he was born.

The 50th anniversary of President Kennedy’s assassination seemed like the right time for Reich to publish his first book, The Power of Citizenship: Why John F. Kennedy Matters to a New Generation (BenBella Books).

“JFK’s message reaches across generations,” says Reich. “He focused on ideals that unite us… He recognized the timeless truth that the notion of American citizenship, this idea that we belong to a community and therefore we each have obligations to one another and to ourselves, is something that cuts across everything that would otherwise differentiate us.”

Reich developed an intense interest in Kennedy’s message when he first heard his inaugural address as a teenager. He says the pillars of the New Frontier — the Space race, embodied by the mission to reach the moon; the Peace Corps; and the Alliance for Progress, an economic pact with Latin American countries — spoke to the need for collectively addressing problems.

President Kennedy, he says, wanted people to think about their roles as citizens and confront challenges together. “His administration offers a lot of historical lessons that we can extract and apply to how we govern ourselves today,” notes Reich.

Reich, an attorney with Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in New York, is applying those lessons himself. He plans to form a foundation to change the way young people think about public service, and connect them to their communities.

Jessica Richman L’02, the CEO of uBiome, a San Francisco-based biotech startup, spoke in April at a TEDMED conference on the firm’s crowdfunding campaign for microbiome sequencing.

Jason Abel L’03, the former chief counsel to Sen. Charles Schumer on the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules & Administration, has joined the firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP as of counsel. He will practice in the firm’s Government Affairs & Public Policy Group in Washington, D.C.

Tara D. Elliot L’03, a principal in Fish & Richardson’s Wilmington office, has been named a “2013 Nation’s Best Advocate: 40 Lawyers Under 40” by the National Bar Association and IMPACT. The award recognizes talented individuals, age 40 and under, within the African American legal community who have achieved prominence and distinction, professionally and philanthropically. At Fish, Tara advises some of the world’s largest technology companies in litigation strategy, patent counseling, IP portfolio strategy and management, e-commerce, information security, and the protection of trade secrets.

Anuj Gupta L’03 has been named to the board of trustees of Chestnut Hill Hospital. Anuj is executive director of Mount Airy USA, a nonprofit community-development organization in Philadelphia.

Brenda Robinson L’03, of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Chicago, has been elected chair of Lex Mundi’s media, entertainment and sports practice group after serving as the group’s North America regional vice-chair. Brenda is an intellectual property lawyer who focuses on trademarks, copyrights and entertainment matters on behalf of clients in the music, film, television and sports industries.

Dee Spagnuolo L’03 has been named a “Lawyer on the Fast Track” by the Legal Intelligencer. The award goes to young Pennsylvania lawyers whose achievements have distinguished them among their peers. Dee is a partner at Ballard Spahr, where she focuses on the representation of companies and individuals in all aspects of complex civil litigation, internal corporate investigations, and compliance and regulatory matters.

David Bernsohn L’04 has been named by the M&A Advisor as a recipient of a 40 under 40 Recognition Award as a leading mergers & acquisitions lawyer. David won in the Legal Advisor category. He is a partner at Duane Morris LLP who practices in the areas of corporate law and commercial finance.

Elizabeth A. Diffley W’99, L’04, a corporate and securities lawyer in the Philadelphia office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, was named partner. Elizabeth specializes in securities law, M&A, and corporate governance.

Jennifer Leonard L’04 has been named director of Penn Law’s Center on Professionalism. Jennifer had been serving as chief of staff for the City of Philadelphia Law Department, a full-service law office that provides civil legal representation to the Mayor’s Office, City Council and dozens of other city departments and agencies.

Erica V. Mason L’04 has been elected regional president of the Hispanic National Bar Association. As regional president, Erica will serve a two-year term overseeing Region VII, which covers Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. She is a shareholder in Baker Donelson’s Atlanta office and concentrates her practice on representing companies throughout the country in complex employment litigation.

Enrique A. Conde L’05 has been named a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP. He is a member of the firm’s Corporate and Securities practice in Miami, Fla.

Steve T. Park L’06 has joined the board of the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, an all-girls Catholic school in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He will serve on the finance committee. Steve is a public finance associate at Ballard Spahr LLP Philadelphia.

Geoffrey D. Schwartz L’07 has been named an associate in the Corporate and Securities practice of the Philadelphia office of Pepper Hamilton LLP.

Felicia Lin L’08 has joined the Legal Practice Skills faculty at Penn Law. Previously, she was a public defender with the Legal Aid Society in the Bronx, N.Y. While at Penn Law, Felicia was a Toll Public Interest Scholar, a finalist in the Edwin R. Keedy Cup, and she co-founded and directed the Penn Law Prisoners’ Legal Education Clinic.

David Caroline, L’09 and wife, Malka, are delighted and slightly overwhelmed to announce the birth of twin boys, Abram Jonas and Benson Judah, born Dec. 27, 2012. They join big brother Jack, 4, and big sister Lea, 3.

Jim O. Dao L’10 has joined the corporate/commercial team of Tilleke & Gibbons in its Vietnam office. Dao speaks Vietnamese and is a registered foreign lawyer with the Ministry of Justice in Vietnam.

Anthony J. Frick L’10 was appointed to the board of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Eastern Pennsylvania. He is vice president and general counsel at Diversified Search.

Jeffrey B. Goldberg L’10 has been named to the board of the Anti-Defamation League of Eastern Pennsylvania/Southern New Jersey/Delaware. He is an associate at Ballard Spahr LLP.

Yuni Yan L’10 married David E. Sobel L’10 in June. Adriana Ahumada L’10, Biju Huang L’10, and Spencer Willig L’10 were members of the wedding party. Yuni is an associate in the antitrust department of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. David is an associate in the corporate department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

Nathaniel L. Koonce II C’07, L’12, an associate in Stradley Ronon’s Philadelphia office, has been appointed to the executive board of the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia. The Barristers’ Association addresses the professional needs and development of black lawyers in Philadelphia through seminars, cultural events and publications. While in law school, he served as associate editor of the Journal of Law and Social Change and was president of the Black Law Students’ Association.

Laura M. Smith L’12 has joined Harter Secrest & Emery LLP in the firm’s Real Estate practice group as an associate attorney in the Rochester, N.Y., office.

The Penn Law Journal has benefited in recent issues from the work of three class correspondents: David Williams L’10, Karyn Brudnicki GR’07, L’07, and Paul Meier L’99. They have provided valuable updates on and renewed their bonds with classmates. Anyone interested in following their lead and gathering information for us should contact Journal editor Larry Teitelbaum at lteitelb@law.upenn.edu. We will provide the lists for a broadcast e-mail. Thank you in advance.
Mr. FRIEDRICH K. KUBLER, emeritus professor of law at Penn Law and a preeminent German scholar in the fields of communications, First Amendment, and corporate law, died October 22 at his home in Germany after a long illness. He was 81.

Kubler was an internationally recognized expert on corporations, banking, and mass media. A prolific scholar, he wrote or co-wrote more than 20 books and monographs, as well as more than 100 articles in contract and property law; corporations, banking and securities regulation; and mass media and legal theory, many of them comparing American with European legal structures.

Kubler’s textbook on German corporate law went through six editions and was translated into Spanish. He also published a textbook on German mass media law.

“Fritz was one of the kindest, most gracious and beloved colleagues and teachers I have ever known,” said Law School Dean Michael A. Fitts. “He was adored by everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed.”

Kubler was a member of the American Law Institute and served on the boards of the Deutscher Juristentag (the German equivalent of the American Law Institute) and the German Association of Comparative Law.

He was a commissioner of the German Interstate Commission for the Regulation of Media Concentration and served on the board of the Hessian Public Service Broadcasting Entity. He was also a member of the European Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee and of the Frankfurt Academy of Sciences.

Born in Reutlingen, Germany, in 1932, Kubler studied law at the Universities of Tubingen, Lausanne, Reading/Berkshire and Bonn. Early in his career he was a law clerk for several courts, administrative agencies, law and accounting firms in and near Stuttgart.

Kubler began his teaching career as a lecturer at the University of Tubingen, where he received his Dr. iur.

In 1976, he was appointed professor of law at the University of Frankfurt/Main, where for two decades he directed the Institute for Banking Law and where he founded and co-directed the Institute for Domestic and Foreign Mass Media Law, also serving as dean of its law school in 1988-89.

Kubler joined the Penn Law faculty in 1985 and retired in 2011. He taught courses in international finance, European Union law, corporations, comparative corporate and capital market law, and comparative mass media law. For more than a quarter century, generations of Penn Law students looked to him as a mentor and model of international legal engagement.
In 2007, Mr. Makadon stunned assembled mourners at the funeral of former City Solicitor Alan Davis C’57 when, during a eulogy, he denounced some of Davis’ former colleagues at the firm of Wolf, Block, Shorr & Solis-Cohen for forcing Davis and other lawyers out of the firm.

Several of the targets of that critique were in attendance. Two years later, Wolf Block would announce that it was going out of business, a victim of the financial crisis.

Mr. Makadon had a flamboyant side and once was spotted striding through Ballard’s new offices in Phoenix sporting a shiny new pair of cowboy boots, jeans, a white shirt, and a blazer, his mane of hair flowing behind.

He cultivated relationships with many of the city’s leaders and was a go-to lawyer for savvy advice. He was Mayor John F. Street’s lawyer during an FBI investigation into municipal corruption in Street’s first term.

“It’s part of Arthur’s genius that he knew a lot of people and got to meet a lot of people as a result of his legal practice,” said David L. Cohen L’81, a friend and colleague of Mr. Makadon’s at Ballard before leaving to join Comcast Corp., where he is executive vice president.

Mr. Makadon had taught one of Cohen’s law classes at the University of Pennsylvania as an adjunct professor and recruited him to join Ballard. He later introduced him to Rendell. Cohen would go on to serve as Rendell’s chief of staff when Rendell was mayor, and also would go on to chair Ballard Spahr for a time.

As the recruiting partner and a leader at Ballard in the 1970s and 1980s, Mr. Makadon sought to change the tenor of the old-line, white-shoe firm by recruiting young lawyers with an entrepreneurial bent who wanted to shake things up.

“He wanted people who were willing to break some glass, smart and ambitious people who were not afraid,” Cohen said, adding that by the time he became chairman of the firm, more than half its lawyers had been recruited by Mr. Makadon.

Mr. Makadon focused his practice on litigation, white-collar defense, and internal corporate investigations. As chairman, he...
was one of a dwindling number of law-firm leaders who continued to practice even while managing the firm.

Mr. Makadon was raised in Lower Merion. He was a former chief assistant district attorney in Philadelphia under Arlen Specter, former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania.

“Arthur had high expectations of those he knew, including me,” said his daughter, Claudia Makadon Sauerteig CGS’04.

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“He modeled that with his intellect, astuteness, and keen sense of judgment. But he also had a sharp, even wild, sense of humor, and there wasn’t a conversation between us that didn’t involve a hearty laugh.”

Mr. Makadon is also survived by a brother and his longtime companion, Naomi Wyatt.

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THE HONORABLE MURRAY SCHWARTZ W'52, L'55, who as a U.S. District Judge ordered schools in New Castle County, Delaware to desegregate despite fierce opposition, died Jan. 11. He was 81.

Judge Schwartz will forever be associated with his controversial decision in the late 1970s to bus thousands of children miles away from their schools to achieve integration. The ruling subjected Schwartz and his family to death threats and the need for armed guards at his home.

In more than fifteen years on the bench, Judge Schwartz wrote more than 500 opinions, including another important ruling finding that Delaware prison overcrowding violated prisoners’ constitutional rights. In addition, he was instrumental in developing the Family Court system in Delaware.

But those who knew him best, like Wharton and Penn Law classmate Samuel Diamond W'52, L'55, simply remember Judge Schwartz as a good friend.

We asked Diamond to write about his sixty-four-year friendship with Murray Schwartz.

Murray and I met as freshmen at Wharton when we joined Tau Delta Phi fraternity, a group then recently re-established at Penn following World War II. Murray came to Penn from the metropolis of Ephrata, Pa.

Murray had lost both parents in his mid-teens. Since my home was within walking distance of campus, it became a gathering place for my out-of-town friends. So Murray met my parents and I often invited him and several other at-loose-ends Penn freshmen to dinner with my family.

In our junior year we took a philosophy class, taught by Professor William Fontaine who, incidentally, was the first and only African American professor we had at Penn. I loved the class — it was an escape from the Wharton curriculum. Murray had a different view because he claimed not to understand what was going on. The night before the mid-term he sounded desperate. So he came to dinner at my house and we spent long hours that evening preparing for the exam. He would ask me questions and I would pompously respond, as though I knew what I was talking about, acting the role of teacher to a struggling pupil. I was one unhappy pup when the grades came out. Murray had a higher grade than I. My lesson: never be misled by Murray’s pretense of not understanding anything.

At Law School the class was divided in half alphabetically, so we were in different sections and we didn’t share many of the Law School’s extraordinary professors. In our second year I had Leo Levin for Evidence; Murray had Louis Schwartz. Each of us thought he had the better deal, and both of us believed he had missed out on someone very special. And in the same year...
we competed in the Keedy Moot Court competition. Both of us reached the finals. I teamed with Manny Grife and Murray with Bernie Korman. And following our history (remember that philosophy class?) the Schwartz-Korman team won.

At some point finances got rough for Murray; his State Senatorial scholarship was taken away from him. He needed it to remain in school. A few years out of Law School he told me this story: one spring day Professor John Honnold passed him in the hall and asked if Murray would stop in to see him. Professor Honnold, his tone a bit apologetic, said that he had a deadline to complete a paper for publication on the newly enacted Pennsylvania version of the Uniform Commercial Code. Pennsylvania was the first state in the nation to adopt the UCC, and it was important to enlighten the bench and bar on its content. The professor mentioned that he had a modest grant to work with and wondered if “Mr. Schwartz” might spare him time over the coming summer to assist in the research and drafting of the paper. It just happened that the “small” subvention would go far toward covering Murray’s tuition.

As his colleagues on the bench and at the bar, and former law clerks testified so movingly at the dedication of his portrait in the Delaware Federal Court on May 3, 2013, Murray was short in stature, but a giant of a mensch. His intellect, integrity, curiosity, warmth, loyalty and sense of humor will leave an emptiness at his loss, but at the same time memories of a life to be respected, admired and emulated.

GEORGE ALEXANDER C’53, L’59, dean emeritus of Santa Clara University School of Law, died July 29. He was 82.

Mr. Alexander took the helm of Santa Clara in 1970. During his 15-year tenure, Mr. Alexander helped the law school grow considerably in stature and tripled its size. He taught law for fifty-two years, at the University of Chicago, Syracuse University, and Santa Clara Law, focusing primarily on antitrust, Constitutional law, and law and psychiatry. He proposed the idea of a living will for protecting not only property rights, but also the control of health care issues. He then worked with the California Law Revision Commission in shaping the their proposal for such a statute, the first to be passed in the United States. He also authored 13 books.

Following his term as dean, Mr. Alexander was awarded the Elizabeth H. and John A. Sutro Professor of Law chair — the first endowed chair in Santa Clara Law School’s history. Additionally, he was named director of the Institute of International and Comparative Law, a program he conceived to expand Santa Clara’s legal studies to 12 countries and bring visiting scholars to the law school.

Prior to coming to Santa Clara Law, Mr. Alexander received a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to research legal issues related to space exploration. Beginning in 1976, he served as a consultant to the Comptroller General of the United States for several decades.

In 2000, he received the Thomas Szasz Award for Civil Liberties. He was also president of the National Society of American Law Teachers and in 2002, received their award for Founding Board Member and Visionary Activist for Equality, Access and Diversity throughout Law and Society. In 2008, Mr. Alexander and his wife established the Katharine & George Alexander Law Prize, designed to bring recognition to lawyers who have used their legal careers to help alleviate injustice and inequity.

Mr. Alexander was born in 1931 and grew up in Philadelphia. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Yale Law School. Between college and law school, he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Jose Opera and the Arts Council of Silicon Valley, and a member of the Union Presbyterian Church of Los Altos.

He is survived by his law school sweetheart, Katharine Violet Alexander L’59. They were married fifty-five years and shared a passion for their family, travel, and great food. He is also survived by his children, Suzi Alexander and her husband Gary Stolzoff, and Chip and his wife Laurie, as well as his grandchildren, Simone, Sam, and Kate.

MARSHALL A. BERNSTEIN C’46, L’49, the managing partner of his family’s law firm who specialized in civil litigation, personal injury, and medical malpractice died March 19. He was 87.

Mr. Bernstein was a member of Penn’s tennis team. He was rated as one of the 100 best plaintiff trial lawyers in the country by the Inner Circle of Advocates, a select lawyers group. Mr. Bernstein, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, served as president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and lectured at several law schools, including Penn.

Among his many community activities, he was a former president of the Penn Law Alumni Society, a trustee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, and president and trustee of Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, Pa.
He is survived by his wife Gladys; daughter Susan Bernstein Gordon CW’75, G’76; son-in-law Lawrence M. Gordon W’75, G’80; daughter, Dena; and son, Jonathan L. Bernstein W’76; four grandchildren; and a sister.

FRANK W. BUBB L’72, of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla., died Nov. 8. He was 65. Mr. Bubb was a corporate attorney, chiefly with the Scott Paper Company in Philadelphia, where he rose to become staff vice president and chief financial counsel. Following a restructuring in the mid-1990s, he moved with the company to Boca Raton, Fla. From 1996 to his retirement in 2003, he was senior vice president and general counsel for the Sports Authority, where he was responsible for legal affairs. He was an expert in securities law, corporate governance, and employee compensation and benefits.

Mr. Bubb was a respected and influential political activist in the Libertarian and Objectivist movements. Through the early and mid-1980s, Mr. Bubb wrote numerous op-ed articles that ran in such newspapers as the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Orange County Register*. Mr. Bubb was a founding contributor of the Society of Individual Liberty and The Atlas Society, where he served on the board of trustees, and was an active member of the Libertarian Party. In 1980, he ran as the Libertarian candidate for Pennsylvania state treasurer. At the Law School, he taught courses on Objectivism.

He is survived by his wife, Diana, and sons Daniel and David.

THE HONORABLE ARTHUR M. COLBY L’76, a retired administrative judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, died Jan. 22. He was 68 and lived in Bensalem, Pa.

A Navy veteran, Mr. Colby served aboard the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War. A native of Nashua, N.H., following his service he continued his education at the University of New Hampshire, graduating in 1973, followed by Penn Law.

A resident of Pennsylvania since the 1970s, Judge Colby began his career as a lawyer and later worked for the federal government as an administrative judge for the EEOC in Philadelphia until he retired in 2000. An avid reader, Judge Colby also enjoyed traveling and was a Philadelphia Phillies fan. He was a charter member of the Litchfield Historical Society in New Hampshire.

He is survived by two sisters, Carrie Rose Colby of Litchfield, N.H., and Marion R. Colby of Philadelphia, Pa.; three nephews, Thomas Jeffrey Colby and James Samuel Colby both of Nashua, N.H., and David Arthur Colby of Philadelphia; his aunt, Eunice V. Lalmond, of Nashua; and several cousins. In addition to his parents, Judge Colby was predeceased by two brothers, James T. Colby III and Thomas S. Colby.

GEORGE H. CONOVER JR. L’52 of Lawrenceville, N.J., a retired senior partner with the law firm of Levinson, Conover, Axelrod & Wheaton in Edison, N.J., died March 21. He was 84.

At Penn, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Following his graduation he earned a master’s of law from New York University.

Born in Trenton, N.J., he was a longtime resident of Lawrence Township, N.J. Mr. Conover was a parishioner and Eucharistic minister at The Church of Saint Ann, a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Lawrence Lions Club. His hobbies included running, swimming, playing tennis, reading, politics, and sports. Mr. Conover developed an interest in running in his 40s and ran several races, including the Atlantic City Marathon. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, where he earned the rank of captain. Most of all, George enjoyed time with his wife, children and grandchildren, and at his vacation home in the Virgin Islands.

Father of the late David B. Conover, he is survived by his wife, Marie K. Conover; his children, George H. III and Kalina Conover, Jeffrey R. and Jeanne Conover, and Patricia Conover and Steve Wubker; seven grandchildren, Jeff Jr., Timothy, Brandon, Garritt Conover, Jeremy, Troy, and Jessica Wubker; two great-grandchildren, Liam and Elsie Conover; his sister, Joyce Embley; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Salvatore and Judy Noto, Russell and Kathy Noto; and several nieces and nephews.

WALLACE PHILIP COONEY L’59, former vice president of the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society (PSFS), died June 28 at his home at Montebello in Alexandria, Va. He was 80. Formerly of Chestnut Hill, Pa., he had moved to Virginia after retiring in 1992.

Mr. Cooney worked for PSFS worked for more than 25 years. He graduated from Princeton University in 1954 where he received a bachelor’s degree in economics. He participated in freshman football and R.O.T.C. at Princeton and joined the Colonial Club, where he subsequently served on the board of governors for more than 20 years. After graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army after attending Officers Training School in Fort Sill, Okla. After serving as an artillery officer in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, he was promoted to first lieutenant. At Penn Law, he was a member...
of the Sharswood Law Club. Upon graduation, he was hired as an associate at Drinker, Biddle & Reath in Philadelphia.

He served on the Board of Governors of the Colonial Club at Princeton for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, the Right-Angle Club of Philadelphia and the Rittenhouse Club of Philadelphia. Mr. Cooney also coached Wyndmoor Little League baseball teams from 1967 – 1976, and served as commissioner and oversaw the umpires for the league in those years. He was a scout leader for Wyndmoor Troop 177 of the Boy Scouts from 1971 – 1984, and was a member of the Pool Committee at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. After retiring to Virginia, he served as an usher at Saint Mary’s Catholic Church for many years.

Mr. Cooney is survived by his wife, Grace Aideen; his sister, Janet Chark of Rye, N.Y.; seven children and their spouses, including, Philip A. and Marney Cooney of Southlake, Texas; W. Gresham and Rita Cooney of Oreland, Pa; Ellen Cooney Marrin and her husband David, and Wallace R. and Catherine Cooney, all of Alexandria, Va; Christopher P. and Gina Cooney of Flourtown, Pa; Aideen Cooney Briggs and her husband Payson, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Shelagh Cooney Roberts and her husband Kyle, also of Alexandria, Va; and twenty grandchildren.

ERIC HENRY GRUSH L’98, a partner in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP, died July 26 at the age of 40.

He was senior editor of the Law Review and graduated cum laude, Order of the Coif.

Mr. Grush joined Sidley Austin LLP in 1999, after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He practiced in the Commercial, Competition, & Securities Group in the Litigation department and became a partner in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, his daughter, Ella, and son, Adam; his parents Hank and Joyce; sister Heather Schultz, and brother Jeremy Grush; and nephews and nieces Anne and James Schultz, Lydia Grush, Samuel, Andrew and Abby Oehmcke, and Charlie and Noah Hornbeck.

THE HONORABLE MARVIN R. HALBERT W’47, L’49, a senior judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas from 1973 to 2000, died March 24. He was 90.

He practiced law with Leomporra, Halbert & Brady after law school. From 1952 to 1962, he was an assistant district attorney. He later became a partner with Halbert, Kanter, Hirschhorn, Gilson & Corrigan and was elected to the Common Pleas Court in 1973. He also served as a settlement master, presiding over and settling complex civil trials under the supervision of Common Pleas Court, until his retirement in 2011. He was a member of Congregation Rodeph Shalom and a devoted family man who attended all the events his children participated in at school.

Judge Halbert often produced and performed in lunchtime plays in a Philadelphia City Hall courtroom with other judges and lawyers. One of his productions was Gilbert and Sullivan’s Trial by Jury.

During World War II, he served as a French translator with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Europe. While in law school, he met Marcia Oleve, a Penn undergraduate. They married in 1948.

He is survived by his wife; his son, Andrew Michael Halbert; daughters Esther H. Perry, Lisa, and Lee-Ann; and nine grandchildren.

THE HONORABLE LOUIS G. HILL L’49, a former Common Pleas Court judge and three-term state senator who unsuccessfully challenged Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo in the 1975 Democratic primary, died July 13. He was 89.

Judge Hill was undefeated in 27 jury trials. Prior to serving as a Common Pleas Court judge, he served on the Municipal Court bench. Mr. Hill retired on Dec. 31, 1977.

RICHARD S. "DICK" DENNY W’48, L’51, a retired banker, died in Naples, Fla. in August. He was 88.

Born in Wilmington, Del., Mr. Denny attended high school in Westfield, N.J., and served in the Army (767th Field Artillery) in World War II. Following graduation, he started working for Bankers Trust NY Corp., from which he retired as corporate secretary in 1989.

He was active in the communities where he lived, including service in the Bedminster, Washington and Allamuchy Township N.J., school boards and Allamuchy, N.J., Township Council.

He enjoyed recreational golf and fishing and pursued those interests as a member of various clubs, including the Forest Lake Club (Hawley, Pa.), Panther Valley C.C. (Allamuchy, N.J.), Pinehurst C.C. and Vineyards C.C. (Naples, Fla.,) where he enjoyed his time playing with the Buzzards. Dick was also a member of the NY Penn Club, Gyros (Marco/Naples, Fla.,), and English-Speaking Union (Naples).

Mr. Denny was preceded in death by his wife Louise "Weezie" (nee Cordes). He is survived by his wife Mary Ann (Bliss, nee Nebergall); twin sister Phyllis; sons Doug and Steve (Cathy); twin grandsons Sean and Brian; and many stepchildren and grandchildren.
Judge Hill graduated from St. George's School in Rhode Island and from Harvard University in 1944. While there, he boxed as a 195-pound heavyweight and briefly considered a career as a boxer. He also boxed in the Marine Corps., in which he served during World War II and the Korean War. After an honorable discharge he joined his stepfather's firm, Dilworth Paxson, in 1952.

He was a runner and took his family for hikes along the Appalachian Trail and backpacking in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Judge Hill was married for 25 years to the former Jane Cox before the two divorced. They had seven children. He married the former Marilyn Young in 1977. Mr. Hill is survived by his wife and former wife, and sons Crawford, Thomas, and Michael; daughters Leslie, Jessie, Charlotte, and Ann; 10 grandchildren; stepchildren Anita Young, Michelle Peretz, and Melissa Young; and three half-brothers and -sisters.

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM F. HYLAND W’44, L’49**, former speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, a Democratic member of the New Jersey Assembly from 1953 until 1961 and its speaker in 1958, died March 2. He was 89.

Judge Hyland served in the Assembly from 1953 to 1961, rising to speaker in 1958. He held a number of political positions including state attorney general from 1974 to 1978, during which he argued the Karen Quinlan “right-to-die” case before the New Jersey Supreme Court, successfully defended legal challenges to casino gambling, and oversaw the creation of the Division of Gaming Enforcement in the Department of Law and Public Safety. In addition, Judge Hyland served as chairman of the state Board of Public Utilities from 1961 to 1968 and as the first chair of the state Commission of Investigation, as well as chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

Born in Burlington, N.J., and a former resident of the Parkside section of Camden, Mr. Hyland was the founder of Hyland, Davis and Reberkenny in Camden and Cherry Hill, N.J. and a founding partner of Riker, Danzig Scherer, Hyland and Perretti in Morristown.

Judge Hyland was also a renowned musician, playing professionally with the Paul Whiteman Orchestra. While attorney general, he performed with his music idol, clarinetist Benny Goodman. He and Goodman became instant friends and played together for many years. Mr. Hyland delivered the eulogy at Goodman’s funeral in 1986 and was co-executor of Mr. Goodman’s estate. He continued to serve as music consultant to the estate until his death. During this time, he oversaw delivery and organization of all of Goodman’s musical arrangements, unreleased recordings and memorabilia to the Goodman Archives at Yale University School of Music, and reviewed and approved numerous Goodman recordings prior to their public release.

He is survived by his six children, William F. Hyland Jr.; Nancy E. Wiley, R.N.; Stephen J. Hyland; Emma L. McCormack; Margaret M. Hyland; and Thomas M. Hyland; grandchildren Christopher Hyland; Amy Hyland, Joan Wiley, Raymond Wiley III, Daniel McCormack Jr., Kevin McCormack, Ryan McCormack, William Frank, Theodore Frank, Jessica Hyland, Thomas Hyland Jr., and Katherine Hyland; and great-grandchildren Madison Hyland, Olivia Hyland and Caroline Hyland. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret VanSciver; brother, The Honorable Richard S. Hyland L’60; and sister-in-law Marcia Hyland; numerous nieces and nephews; and his devoted and loving caregiver, Novella Wright.

**WILLIAM B. JOHNSON L’43**, former CEO of the Illinois Central Railroad, died April 24 in Lake Forest, Ill. He was 94.

Mr. Johnson joined Illinois Central after revitalizing the Railway Express Agency. He turned Illinois Central into a diverse international conglomerate known as the Whitman Corporation, whose portfolio included food and consumer products, real estate, manufacturing and transportation.

He earned Crain’s Chicago Executive of the Year in 1985 and received Loyola University’s Damen Award for Civic Leadership in 1986.

Mr. Johnson served as a longtime member of Penn Law’s Board of Overseers. His company endowed the William B. and Mary Barb Johnson Professor of Law & Economics. The chair is held by Michael L. Wachter.

He is survived by his sons, Ben and Kirk; his daughter Kathleen Browning; and his six grandchildren, Will, Olivia, Eileen, Grace, John and Ben, a II. at Penn Law.

**MARY BARB JOHNSON L’43**, an active figure in Lake Forest, Ill., government for more than 30 years, died in her sleep on July 19, less than three months after the death of her husband of 70 years, William B. Johnson L’43. She was buried next to her husband in private ceremony in Salisbury, Md.

Mrs. Johnson served two terms as alderman for the first ward in, two terms on the zoning board, and a term on the library board. She was also the first woman trustee of Lake Forest Hospital, serving from 1985 to 1995.

Notable activities in her Lake Forest public service career include her work on the beach renovation and controversies...
over building lot sizes. Other community service included the Woman’s Boards of the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Lake Forest College, and she was a leader in the renowned “Know Your Chicago Committee.” Mrs. Johnson served the state as a member of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board the federal government as a lawyer in the Federal Defender’s Program in Chicago.

She met her husband, William, during the first week of classes at Penn Law in the fall of 1940. She was one of only five women in the class and stood out because of her red hair.

She is survived by her sons, Ben and Kirk, her daughter Kathleen Browning and her six grandchildren, Will, Olivia, Eileen, Grace, Ben and John.

ANN KAPLAN L’87, vice president and deputy general counsel for the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America, the national trade association for the country’s largest drug companies, died May 24 at age 50.

She was also a quiet and effective leader in her community, including with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; children Jeremy, Ilana and Daphne; parents Marx S. and Joan Y. Leopold; brothers Matthew; John; David; and sister Debbie; in-laws Stewart and Lynn Kaplan; and sister-in-law Elisa Kaplan Siegel.

LEWIS S. KUNKEL JR. L’61 a lead attorney for the defense in the infamous Three Mile Island accident litigation, died April 8. He was 75.

After service in the U.S. Army and while in the Naval Officer Reserves, Mr. Kunkel joined Pepper Hamilton LLP in Philadelphia, where he specialized in litigation. After becoming a partner, he opened their Harrisburg office in 1969. He spent his entire career with the firm, retiring in 2000 after an active practice that included assisting Volkswagen in establishing the first foreign automobile plant in the U.S. His last major case was Three Mile Island.

Mr. Kunkel was an avid fly fisherman who caught trout on six continents. He was a life member of the Texas & Blockhouse Fish and Game Club of Waterville, Pa. and a member of the RR Ranch on Silver Creek in Picabo, Idaho. He enjoyed bird hunting with his self-trained bird dogs and was a successful hunter of North American big game, earning Boone and Crockett trophies for a brown bear, a caribou, and a moose. He served as president of the board of The Harrisburg Academy, was on the board of the Harrisburg Hospital, and supported environmental causes.

He suffered and celebrated with all the Philadelphia professional sports teams. He was in the stands of Franklin Field when the Eagles won it all in 1960 and in the upper deck of Veterans Stadium when the Phillies clinched game six of the World Series in 1980.

Mr. Kunkel is survived by his wife Louise Reily Kunkel; brother George W. Kunkel (Barbara) of Harrisburg; children Lewis Kunkel of New York City, Lucy Torndahl of Nashville, Tenn., and Eliza Kunkel of Woodstock, N.Y.; stepchildren William Miles of Norwich, Vt., and Sarah Miles of Hanover, N.H.; one niece, five grandchildren, and his bird dog Nick.

AUSTIN M. LEE L’43, a former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, died June 4 in Lancaster, Pa. two days shy of his 94th birthday.

Mr. Lee practiced law in Philadelphia and Jenkintown, Pa., for more than 60 years. He served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1956 to 1964, and was vice chairman of the Appropriations Committee in 1963-64. For two of his four terms, he was the only Republican representative from Philadelphia County. He later served as executive assistant to the Republican floor leader and as executive assistant to the Speaker of the House. In 1980 he became executive director of the House Bipartisan Management Committee and served in that capacity until 1989. In 1991 he was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission and served as a member of the commission until 2001.

Mr. Lee was also a longtime member of the Union League of Philadelphia and Roxborough Lodge # 135 of the Free and Accepted Masons. He summered with his family in Avalon, N.J., since the early 1950s and remained an active member of the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor, N.J., for many years.

Mr. Lee volunteered for service in World War II and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He served three years in the American and Pacific theaters. He qualified as an aerial navigator and was discharged as a lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, the former Betty Pansius, and their four children, Susan E. Lee, Nancy Lee Papay, Thomas H. Lee II and Robert A. Lee. He is also survived by four grandchildren, John P. Papay, Kate Papay Weingart, Elizabeth Lee and Rebecca Lee; and one great-grandchild.
WILLIAM E. LINDENMUTH L'41 of Redding, Conn., retired vice president of the international division and general manager, Middle East Department of Mobil Oil, died on Jan. 16. He was 96.

Mr. Lindennuth served as a pilot and captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a forty-year member of the Saugatuck Congregational Church in Westport, Conn.

He is survived by his son William D. Lindennuth and daughter in law Sandra; two grandchildren, Hannah Strayhorn and William Todd Lindennuth; three nieces and two nephews; four grand nieces; five grand nephews; two great grand nieces; and six great grand nephews.

ALAN MARGOLIS W'55, L'58, a co-founder of the Philadelphia law firm Frank and Margolis in 1960, the predecessor firm of Margolis Edelstein, died on Feb. 12. He was 78.

Mr. Margolis focused his private practice on professional liability and insurance coverage issues. He was a past president of The Harmonie Group, a network of independent law firms that provides defense services to companies, captives, third-party administrators and risk retention groups. Mr. Margolis had served as general counsel of the Delaware Valley Financial Corp., a national sales financial company, for which he subsequently became vice president.

Mr. Margolis was a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, and the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel.

He is survived by his three children, Richard J. Margolis, Andrew S. Margolis L'87, Jackie Bitensky; a sister, Sandra Alloy; and grandchildren Marc, Cara, Levari, Elnatan, Aviel, and Lital.

JULES N. MAZIS W'53, L'56, Westlake Village, Calif., died March 3. He was 81.

JOHN C. QUINN L'68, a native of Rapid City, S.D., who spent his life in the investment world and academia, died Jan. 14. He was 69.

Mr. Quinn was an investment manager and senior executive successively at Morgan Guaranty, Merrill Lynch and Irving Trust in New York. From 1983 to 1995 he was with Chase Manhattan Bank and Natwest in Tokyo and Hong Kong. Subsequent to his law degree, Mr. Quinn earned four more degrees, including a Ph.D. in juridical science in 1979 from NYU. In 1996 he returned to Rapid City, partially retired from the investment business, and entered academia. He taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in law and history at numerous colleges and universities in and around Rapid City. From 2006 until his death he was a senior professor and administrator at National American University. He was the author of four books.

Mr. Quinn also wrote a business column in the Rapid City Journal for several years and was a frequent lecturer on contemporary economic and political issues as well as a regular commentator on local television stations.

John is survived by his wife Monika; two sons, John and William; daughter-in-law, Marissa; grandchildren, Amelia and Wilson; his brother Jim; and many other loving cousins and relatives.

DANIEL V. SCAMBLIA JR. L'53, of Harrisburg, Pa., died Jan. 18, 2012. He was 82.

Mr. Scambia retired from the Naval Ship's Parts Control Center in Mechanicsburg, Pa. He was a simple man who lived a solitary life. He did not own a car and rode his bicycle everywhere. Neither did he own a television, preferring to watch people. One of his greatest joys was watching and singing along with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers as they danced “Cheek to Cheek.”

Mr. Scambia’s survivors include his kindhearted landlord and friend, Nicole “Nicki” Lee Hook, who cared for Daniel until the very end. He is also survived by his deceased uncle's wife, Christine La Monica of Hazleton, Pa.; and seven cousins, Angela La Monica Moore, Donald Stish Sr, Robert Stish, Richard Stish, Jackie Stish, Franklin Stish and Nancy Scambia Toole.

HERMAN A. SCHAEFER W'43, L'48, a former executive vice president for PepsiCo who competed in the 1968 summer Olympics as a member of the fronton tennis team, died Dec 6, 2012. He was 91.

Born in Philadelphia, he received a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from the Wharton School, he joined the Marine Corps, where he volunteered for Navy bomb disposal. He became a Navy officer and spent the remainder of the war on a battle ship in the Pacific. He received his law degree from Penn under the GI bill, and practiced law for several years in Philadelphia before receiving his C.P.A. and joining an accounting firm in Connecticut. In 1959 he joined Pepsi-Cola, where he was executive vice president and CFO.

Mr. Schaefer was an avid rackets player, starting as a ranked national Junior in tennis. He competed in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico as a member of the U.S. fronton tennis team.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Martine Schaefer. He
was previously married to Priscilla Griffin, now deceased, with whom he had three children, Nancy, Priscilla, and Herman A. Schaefer III, and six grandchildren.

**A. DIX SKILLMAN L’40**, a retired director of inheritance tax for Somerset County, died Dec. 22. He was 96.

Mr. Skillman enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942 and completed his service in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant, senior grade. After his military service, Mr. Skillman moved to Belle Mead, N.J., where he worked for the State of New Jersey in the new corporation tax division before starting his own law practice. In addition to his practice, he served as legal counsel for Montgomery Township for 16 years and as counsel for Branchburg Township for eight years. In 1957, he was appointed director of inheritance tax for Somerset County and served until he retired from the position in 1986.

He had a long list of civic affiliations. He was a charter member and the first president of the Rotary Club of Belle Mead; member and president of Montgomery Fire Company No. 1 and charter member, incorporator and life member of Montgomery Fire Company No. 2; charter member and president of the Van Harlingen Historical Society of Montgomery Township; member of the Sons of the Revolution, Princeton Chapter; and member of the Franklin Township Historical Society, the Griggstown Historical Society and the New Jersey Historical Society; and member of Solomon’s Lodge in Somerville and the Crescent Shrine in Trenton.

Mr. Skillman is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Virginia; daughter Abigail; son Peter and daughter-in-law Barbara; and three grandchildren, Sara, Katie and Christopher; and sister-in-law, Jean Skillman. He was predeceased by two sisters, Rebecca Baird and Mary Van Cleef, and two brothers, Thomas and Harold.

**SHELLEY J. STARK L’73**, a noted public defender and fierce legal advocate for the poor, died June 24 in New Haven, Conn. Ms. Stark was the federal public defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2001, and chief of the Allegheny County public defender’s appeals division from 1986 to 1995.

Previously, she worked for the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and for the King County Public Defender Association in Seattle before moving back to Pittsburgh in 1982 and joining the Allegheny County Public Defender’s office in its appellate division.

She was perhaps best known for the Carol Stonehouse case. Stonehouse, a Pittsburgh police officer, was convicted of killing her boyfriend and fellow officer William Welsh in 1983 after a long history of domestic abuse. Ms. Stark persuaded the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to order a new trial and permit her battered women’s defense. This led to Stonehouse’s acquittal in 1990 after a retrial.

Ms. Stark was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The Federal Bar Association named her the Federal lawyer of the year in 2000. She also taught law at the University of Pittsburgh and was a visiting instructor each year in trial advocacy at Harvard University.

Ms. Stark is survived by her husband Robert; three children, Katie and Andrew of Chicago and Rebecca of New York City; two brothers, Frank Stark of Treasure Island, Fla. and Karl Stark of Elkins Park, Pa.; two sisters, Nina Stark Slapnik of Chevy Chase, Md., and Julie Stark, of Loveland, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

**GALEN JEFFERSON WHITE JR. L’62** died on May 20 at the age of 79.

After law school, he practiced law in Philadelphia at Dechert, Price & Rhoads. In 1968, Mr. White and his wife, Ethel, moved with their three daughters to his native Louisville, where he joined Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. Later he became a partner at Boehl, Stopher & Graves. Mr. White retired from full-time practice in 1998.

A member of the Lawyers Club and of the vestries of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and of St. Francis-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Harrods Creek, Ky., he served nine years as chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky. He was chairman of the board of St. Francis School, Goshen, Ky., and served on the boards of Ars Femina, the Visiting Nurse Association and Just Solutions. After his retirement, he volunteered as a docent at Farmington Historic Plantation, as a reader for Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, and with the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Mr. White is survived by his wife, Ethel; his four children, Joanna Kille, of Arnold, Md., Caroline, of Northampton, Mass., Catherine Banigan-White, of Easthampton, Mass.; and Galen III, of Baltimore, Md.; three grandchildren, Alexander and Andrew Kille and Charlotte Banigan-White; two sisters, Ann W. Anderson and Margaret W. Flintom, both of North Carolina; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.
MARK WILLCOX JR. C’34, L’37 died on Feb. 18 at the age of 99. He was a seventh generation descendent of Thomas Willcox, founder of the third paper mill in the English colonies.

Mr. Willcox was an attorney at McCoy Evans and Lewis in Philadelphia and retired as a partner at Hepburn, Willcox, Hamilton and Putnam. As a student at Penn, he became a lifelong friend of famed artist Andrew Wyeth, who later painted his portrait, which is now held in a private collection.

During World War II, he was a lieutenant commander in the Navy serving in South Africa as a liaison officer and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

He was president of Big Brothers Big Sisters and was a board member of Sleighton Farm School for Girls, the Concord Township Board of Supervisors, and the Nicholas Newlin Foundation. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Club and served on the board of the International House. In addition, Mr. Willcox was a charter member of Old St. Thomas-Ivy Mills, a ministry of the parish founded at the family home at Ivy Mills in Concord, Pa. It was the first Catholic parish in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Willcox loved sailing and kept a boat on Chesapeake Bay. He played tennis, loved beagling and was a champion fencer at Penn.

He was husband of Jill Forbes Willcox, father of Mark III and the late William Forbes. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Anne, and granddaughters Anne and Elizabeth.

S. DONALD WILEY L’53, former senior vice president of Heinz, died August 7. He was 86.

Born to Irish immigrants, Mr. Wiley attended Westminster College where he met his wife, Josephine, who predeceased him.

Mr. Wiley started his career as an assistant district attorney in Allegheny County before joining a small team of attorneys at Heinz in 1956. By the time he was appointed senior vice president, he had grown the minute in-house legal department several times over and had become an invaluable sounding board for company executives.

Upon his retirement in 1990, Mr. Wiley maintained strong ties with Heinz by serving as an outside director on its board until 2000; serving as vice chairman of the board of the H.J. Heinz Co. Foundation; and by working with the Vira I. Heinz Endowment and the Heinz Family Foundation. Outside of Heinz, he was an active volunteer with Carnegie Mellon University, Shadyside Hospital Foundation, QED Communications and was chairman of the board of trustees for Westminster College. A longtime sportsman, Mr. Wiley was a founding member of the Fox Chapel Racquet Club, a member of the Fox Chapel Golf Club, the Rolling Rock Club and the Duquesne Club.

He is survived by sons, Michael, Kevin and Sam; six grandchildren; his foster granddaughter Amanda; and four nephews and nieces.

THE HONORABLE HENRY HEININGER WILEY L’50, a retired New Jersey judge who received a Bronze Star for an act of heroism during World War II, died June 26 in Edgartown, Mass. He was 89.

A former president of the Ocean County Bar Association and partner at Berry, Whitson and Berry, Wiley served as a judge on the Ocean County Court and the Superior Court of New Jersey. He is well known for his ruling on the Superior Court to allow a terminally ill patient to request the withdrawal of life support. His opinion was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court. He also ruled on prison reform and upheld a comprehensive wetlands policy.

Judge Wiley served under General Patton during World War II. He fought in Germany and Austria and received a letter of commendation for the rescue of wounded soldiers under fire at the Battle of Aabach in Germany. In December 2007, he received a Bronze Star for his act of bravery.

Judge Wiley served as of the Tom’s River Kiwanis Club. He loved to vacation on Martha’s Vineyard, where his grandfather had owned a cottage since 1917.

Mr. Wiley is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jane; sons Bruce, David, Thomas, and Charles, and daughter, Barbara; twelve grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren; brother-in-law James Morley; nephews Tom and John Morley, Peter and Thomas Clark; and nieces Carol Morley and Sue Blackerby.
Meet First Captain Flat Goat

THE “FLAT GOAT,” a paper likeness of Penn Law’s beloved mascot, found its way into the most peculiar locations last summer. In one instance, our shaggy friend visited the cockpit of a United Airlines jet. Talk about First Class! The Goat landed a prime seat when Wendy Fromer Weinstein ’87, an attorney with Park, Weinstein and Caporrino, LLP and vice president of a company that sells high-powered flashlights, convinced the pilots to agree to her proposed photo op. All alumni, including Wendy, received the Flat Goat for contributing to the Fund for Penn Law.