Welcome to Penn Law’s monthly e-brief, a digest of the Law School’s top 10 news stories and events.

Penn Law, Wharton, and other expert authors explore default, restructuring, or a wholesale reassessment of the U.S. Treasury securities’ place in the world.

New study by Prof. Shyam Balganesh: The trouble with copyright trolls.
New scholarship by Prof. Shyam Balganesh offers a comprehensive overview of copyright trolling’s history and legal basis, and a prescription for curbing its abuses.

New scholarship by Prof. Jonathan Klick links cell phone use to a decline in crime
New study by Klick argues that the growth of mobile phone technology in the 1990s contributed to a historic drop in crime rates.
Prof. Tess Wilkinson-Ryan on the psychology of contracts and the lender-borrower relationship
Wilkinson-Ryan speaks with Penn Law about her scholarship, teaching, and how ordinary people think about their legal obligations.

Evan Smith L’12 awarded prestigious Skadden fellowship
Smith's Skadden Fellowship will support his public interest work representing coal miners and their families in mine safety and black lung cases.

Law School partners with Penn Dental Medicine to offer new joint degree
Penn Law has expanded its dual-degree options to include a joint DMD/JD degree with Penn Dental Medicine.

Catherine C. Carr L’79 and Marisa Gold L’13 honored by Philadelphia Bar Association
Catherine C. Carr L’79 received the Andrew Hamilton Award. Marisa Gold L’13 was honored by the Public Interest Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

The Joy of Lawyering: Stephen D. Susman delivers 2012 Segal Lecture
Susman discussed founding Susman Godfrey, the rationales behind his pioneering fee and pretrial agreements, and his passion for trial lawyering.
Lauren Saltiel and Christina Wong, both 2L students, are National Champions of the Intellectual Property LawMeet.

Renovated spaces in Silverman Hall are named for Harold Cramer L’51 and his wife, Geraldine

A bequest from Harold Cramer L’51 and his wife, Geraldine, has supported the renovation of a lecture hall and seminar room in the Silverman building.