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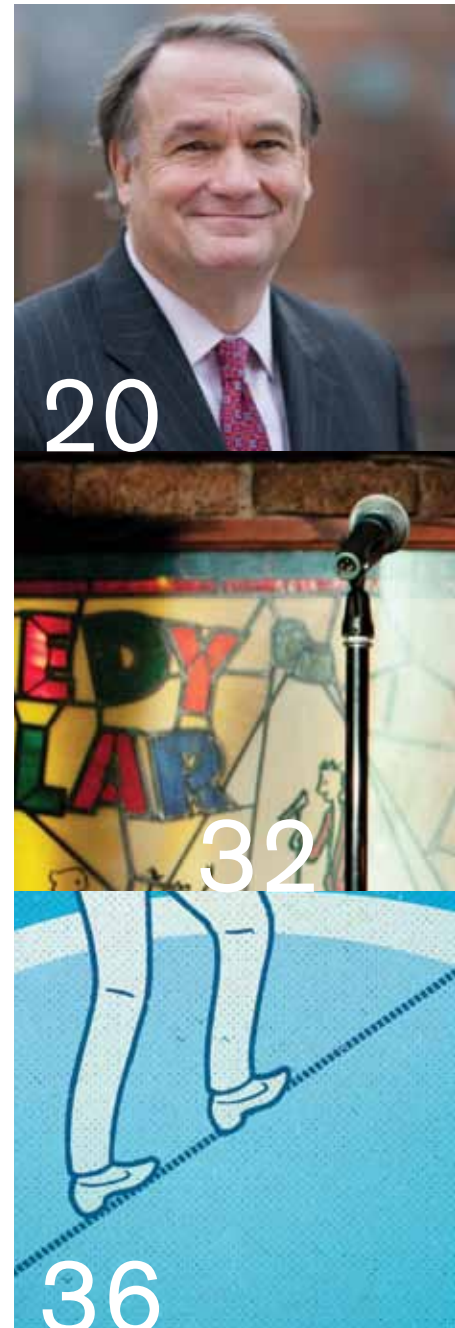
After decades of advocating for unfettered access to the media, Gigi Sohn L'86 has changed her venue but not her viewpoint. She's put down her megaphone to join the FCC as a top aide to the commissioner, and has had to find a new voice as an insider rather than an outside agitator.

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MICHAEL A. FITTS  
Dean and Bernard G. Segal  
Professor of Law

At the recent graduation ceremony, the last one over which I presided as dean, I took the liberty to give a piece of advice to students. I suggested they go outside their comfort zones and take risks in their careers. I told them big risks can lead to even bigger rewards. I am taking my own advice. As spring turns to summer I will be leaving the comforts of Penn after nearly 30 years — including the last 14 as dean of the Law School — to become president of Tulane University.

It is hard to leave Penn and Philadelphia, the city where I have spent the core of my life. The school is in my bloodstream. I grew up in West Philadelphia, a stone's throw from the Law School. My connections to Penn are intimate. My grandfather was dean of the Wharton School. My father chaired the Department of Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Both my father and grandfather loved Penn beyond measure and spent their entire academic careers at the institution. So I understood from an early age that Penn is a very special place with extraordinary people.

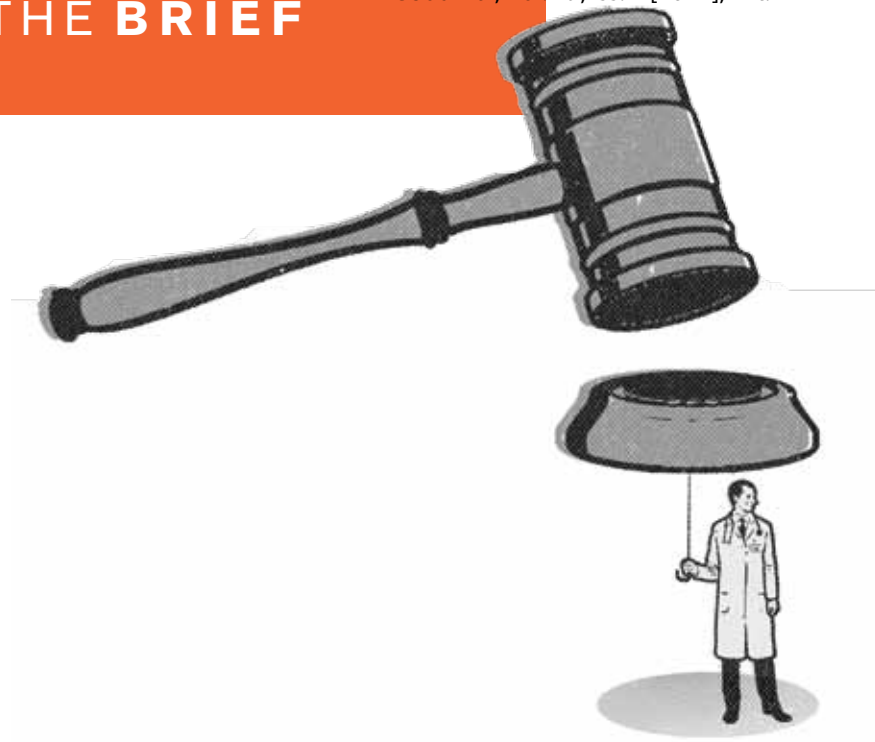
I have been blessed to follow their example and lead the Law School. Without question, this is the most collegial law school community in the country, with a superb faculty, brilliant students, outstanding staff and incredibly devoted alumni — all of whom made my job much easier.

I leave with a sense of pride about what we accomplished together. The numbers speak for themselves: 270 percent growth in financial aid; a 57 percent increase in the number of applications to the JD program; a 40 percent increase in the size of the faculty; the creation of 35 joint degree and certificate programs; the addition of 40,000 square feet to the Law School campus; and the crowning achievement that made everything else possible: \$200 million raised during the Bold Ambitions campaign, shattering records by a wide margin.

As a result, Penn Law School finds itself in a strong position. We have done more than weather the economic storms and the changes affecting the profession. We have set the standard for legal education. I take great satisfaction that our signature cross-disciplinary curriculum has become a national model, as more and more law schools recognize what we anticipated at the turn of the century: that we must prepare students for a modern practice of law that is linked to every important human endeavor, in order to create a just and better world.

With fourteen years having flown by so quickly, I can't help but remember how I felt when I became dean in 2000. It was like jumping into a chasm. At first, the challenges seemed overwhelming. But my love for Penn guided me. It still does. I will always love Penn and all of you, no matter what job I hold or where I might travel. Thank you for making this the most productive and happiest period of my life.

*Mike*



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## The Penn Law Rx for Medical Professionals Facing Complex Changes to Health Care

**WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT** poised to change health-care delivery in unprecedented ways, Penn Law School has developed a new master's degree program to provide physicians and other medical professionals with in-depth knowledge of health law and legal principles.

The Master's in Law and Health, which will be offered to medical students, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, residents in the Penn Health system, and graduate students in other health-related areas, will enroll its first students next fall. The Master's program is part of a new Law School initiative to provide legal training to diverse professionals whose fields are being shaped by increasingly complex regulations.

"Few areas today are more heavily regulated than the health care field, and our Master's program will give students a solid understanding of the major legal issues faced by physicians and other health care providers," said Professor Ted Ruger, a health law expert and one of the architects of the new Master's program.

The one-year program may be completed on a full or part-time basis. The curriculum grounds students first with a foundation in law and legal analysis and then allows them to develop specialized knowledge through electives in health and related areas of law.

The four foundation courses — Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Methods, Introduction to General Business Law,

Regulatory Law, and Introduction to Health Law — provide a comprehensive introduction to fundamental aspects of law including basics such as jurisdiction and sources of law, corporate entities, and the role and function of administrative agencies as well as an introductory course grounding students in key concepts in health law.

Upon completion of the foundation courses, students will select four courses from the Law School's upper level curriculum. In these courses, they will interact with Penn Law JD students, allowing them to better understand how lawyers approach issues and questions related to health.

Penn Law will also offer an optional five-week summer program for students entering the Master's program. During the summer program, students will complete the Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Methods classes and participate in a practicum series exposing them to professionals and institutions that are most engaged with law and health matters. Lecturers will include judges as well as representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, insurance companies, pharmaceutical and medical device makers, health law-related law firms, and health advocacy organizations.

## Former Clerks Create Academic Prize in Judge O'Neill's Name

**OVER HIS 30-YEAR CAREER** on the bench of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge Thomas N. O'Neill Jr. L'53 has become a legend among members of the Philadelphia Bar, known for his superb temperament, intellect, and even-handedness.

It comes as no surprise then that a group of his former law clerks would want to do something special for O'Neill's 30th anniversary. They established the Thomas N. O'Neill Jr. Prize, which was awarded for the first time at Penn Law's commencement in May.

"He is really remarkable. He is enormously thoughtful, respectful, kind, and intelligent," said John Summers L'84, one of O'Neill's former law clerks. "He takes an enormous interest in his law clerks and their careers. He was a remarkable role model."

Summers, who clerked for O'Neill from 1984 to 1986, said while some new judges might be reluctant to come off as nov-

ices, Judge O'Neill was humble enough to tell all litigants that he needed all the help he could get from the lawyers.

"When I started, Judge O'Neill explained that he had two rules," Summers said. "First, 'let's say good morning and good night every day.' Second, it is important to be nice to everyone you have contact with, whether it is litigants, lawyers, court staff, or others who work in the courthouse."

O'Neill's kindness now extends to Penn Law. The Thomas N. O'Neill Prize will go to a student for outstanding involvement, competence, and commitment to the provision of legal services to disadvantaged clients. According to Summers, it was O'Neill's idea to give the prize to a Penn Law student who was focused on helping people who were disadvantaged in one way or another.

O'Neill has been committed to Penn during his 30 years on the bench, hiring numerous Penn Law graduates as law clerks. For clerks like Summers, they come away with valuable experience and counsel that they can use in the future.

Summers said, "When I'm struggling with an issue, struggling with drafting a brief, or thinking about an approach to a case, I try to think how an excellent judge would view that argument, brief, or case," said Summers, a shareholder at Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller. "In my case, that model judge is always Judge O'Neill."

## Penn Law Author's Book Gets 'Face Time' on House of Cards



*The Last Great Senate: Courage and Statesmanship in Times of Crisis* on the table of a government official in an early episode of the show's second season. Shapiro mines his experience as

**HOW IRONIC** that a book chronicling an era of good government made a cameo on *House of Cards*, a popular Netflix television series that dramatizes the darker side of politics.

But the book's author, Ira Shapiro L'73, is not complaining. "Crossing over to pop culture, even momentarily, is great fun."

Astute viewers will notice

a former senior staff member in the U.S. Senate to write about what he considers the giants of the 1960s and '70s. Shapiro also served as general counsel and ambassador in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative during the Clinton administration.

House of Cards follows the exploits of fictional congressman Frank Underwood, a Democrat from South Carolina and House majority whip who commits murder and steamrolls opposition on his way to the presidency.



Ira Shapiro L'73

## The Penn Law Oscars

**AND THE WINNER IS ...** Six alumni and one beloved administrator received Law Alumni Society awards last fall for their professional contributions to society and dedication to Penn Law School. Here they thank the academy for the honor.

### YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

*Honoring the professional achievement of an alumnus/a who has graduated within the past 10 years*

#### NICOLE ISAAC L'04,

Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

“It was an absolute honor to have been selected as the Young Alumni Recipient of this award. Given that I transitioned immediately to Capitol Hill after Law School and have experienced a non-traditional legal career in politics, I am grateful for the recognition and achievement in this sector. Our laws are strengthened as individuals with various backgrounds and experiences are able to perfect our union and impact its implementation. I have been fortunate to play a small role in impacting policy and contributing to our democratic framework.”

### LOUIS H. POLLAK PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

*Honoring justice through service to others*

#### SANDRA STROKOFF CW'71, L'75,

Legislative Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives

“It has been such an honor to receive the Louis H. Pollak public service award for my work in the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives. Working entirely behind the scenes, together with a group of bright, dedicated, supportive colleagues, I have had the extraordinary privilege of drafting the country's laws, and, with that, witnessing historic changes in our country's legal system over the past 38 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years of government service. I only hope to be worthy of this award that bears the name of the distinguished Louis B. Pollak.”



The 2014 LAS Awards yielded an eclectic group of winners. Back row left to right are Sandra Strokoff CW'71, L'75, Louis H. Pollak Award; The Hon. Harvey Bartle III L'65, Alumni Award of Merit; Nicole Issac L'04, Young Alumni Award; and Gary Clinton, Penn Law Dean of Students, Distinguished Service Award. Front row left to right are Charles I. 'Casey' Cogut L'73, Alumni Award of Merit; Larry Fox C'65, L'68, Howard Lesnick Award; Laura Christa L'80, president of the Law Alumni Society's Board of Managers; Penn Law Dean Michael A. Fitts; and The Honorable Frederick 'Freddie' Massiah-Jackson L'74.

### HOWARD LESNICK PRO BONO AWARD

*Honoring an alumnus/a who has embodied the spirit of the Public Service Program through a sustained commitment to pro bono and/or public service throughout a private sector career*

#### LAWRENCE J. FOX C'65, L'68,

Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

“I owe my entire career pursuing pro bono opportunities to Penn Law School. It was the faculty at Penn Law School that ran the training for the Regional Hebert Smith Community Lawyer Fellows at Haverford College, training us “Reggies” to go into the field to bring test cases, lobby, and pursue community organizing. I was sent to Community Action for Legal Services in New York City for three years. It is my guilt at leaving that full-time public service position that has animated everything I have undertaken on a pro bono basis ever since.”



## ALUMNI AWARD OF MERIT

*Honoring professional achievement and service  
to the Law School*

**THE HON. FREDERICA “FREDDIE” MASSIAH-JACKSON L’74,**  
Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas

“This is such a wonderful honor to receive the Award of Merit. It is humbling. I feel that I am being recognized for simply doing my job. My public service and my professional work as a judge are a source of pride for me.”

**THE HON. HARVEY BARTLE III L’65,**

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania

“It is a great honor to have been one of this year’s recipients of the Law Alumni Society Award of Merit. I am deeply grateful for the fine legal education that I received at Penn Law School. Whatever I may have achieved professionally, I owe in no small measure to what happened in that place almost 50 years ago. There were many excellent professors who taught me much more than I ever realized at the time.”

**CHARLES I. “CASEY” COGUT L’73,**

Senior M&A Counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

“I was delighted to receive the Alumni Award of Merit, especially as I was selected for this honor by fellow Penn Law School alumni. I have been fortunate to enjoy an extremely fulfilling career, which clearly had its roots in my legal education at Penn. I am grateful that I have had an opportunity to be involved at the Law School as an overseer, co-chair of the Institute for Law & Economics, and a member of the adjunct faculty.”

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

*Honoring service to the Law School*

**GARY CLINTON,** Dean of Students

“It has been a pleasure to walk into Penn Law each work day for the past 38 years, not knowing for certain what surprises and challenges the day will bring, but hoping every day to have a positive impact on the place and on the people who go to school and work here. I look at the Law Alumni Society’s Distinguished Service Award as recognizing and re-enforcing my hope, to do right by this place and its people.”



## Golkin Hall Gets High Grades for Green Construction

**GOLKIN HALL WAS AWARDED LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold status for new construction by the U.S. Green Building Council last September.

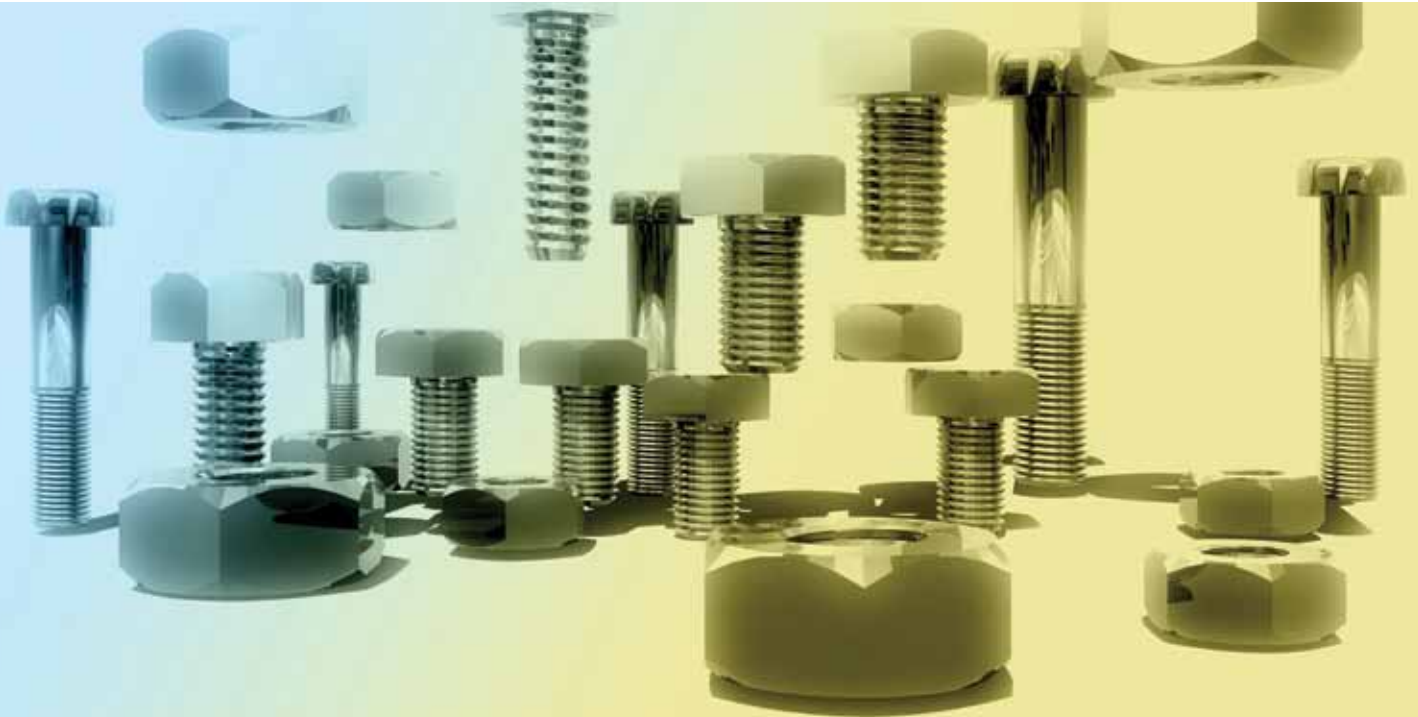
The building was judged on sustainable site strategies, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation, and regional priority.

The 40,000 square foot building, which opened in April 2012, incorporates advanced green features, such as rooftop gardens and green roofs as part of an integrated storm water management strategy. The building also rated high for its ventilation, thermal comfort, and use of low-emitting materials.

Gold certification is the second highest of four LEED designations. Along with scoring well for its indoor environmental quality, the building scored high for its sustainable site selection, as the building was skillfully integrated into a dense urban environment and is located near alternative transportation.

Golkin Hall was designed with a modern feel, integrating classrooms, office space, and social areas. Besides these rooms, the building also features a state-of-the-art courtroom, a 350-seat auditorium, and a two-story lobby.

The Golkin Hall building project broke ground in May 2010. It was designed by the Boston-based firm Kennedy and Violich Architecture.



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## ABCs of Legal Practice for Junior Attorneys

**THE LAW SCHOOL LAUNCHED A PILOT PROGRAM** during the spring semester aimed at giving students a set of specific tools they can use as summer associates or in their first jobs as junior attorneys.

Called “Penn Law Practices: Nuts and Bolts,” the three-session, experiential-learning program focused on providing students with real-world training in three areas of practice: Litigation-Discovery, Corporate, and Criminal Practice.

During each 75 minute session, students worked with young practitioners on problems taken from actual legal matters and received feedback on their performance — thus preparing them to serve clients on Day 1.

Several hundred students participated in this year’s pilot program. Given the program’s success, the Law School is working on expanding the program next year to other practice areas.

The program was a collaboration among Alumni Relations, the Center on Professionalism, and the Legal Practice Skills department.

## A Public Service Stimulus Program

**STUDENTS INTERESTED** in public service careers can now let Penn Law be the catalyst.

The new Catalyst Grant Program will provide up to six students per year an opportunity to work as full-time attorneys with the chance to stay on with the organization or gain experience to secure another position in the field.

This is modeled after and is an extension of the post-graduate fellowship program, which awards fellowships to students interested in public service. Since 2009, Penn Law has supported 12 fellows, all of whom are still working in public interest jobs.

The first awards were made in April. Recipients are eligible for the Toll Loan Repayment and Assistance Program (Toll-RAP), which eliminates significant student loan debt for graduates who pursue public service careers.

Catalyst Grants are open to graduating JD students seeking funding for unpaid positions with local, state, federal and international government agencies, public defender offices, NGOs, or international tribunals.

# Penn Law a Hub for International Fulbright Scholars

**PENN LAW WELCOMED** four Fulbright scholars this past year, including a government prosecutor, law school graduates from Turkey and Norway, and a detective with the Royal Thai Police Force.

The Fulbright scholarship program, the U.S. government's flagship international exchange program, brings approximately 4,000 foreign students and 900 visiting scholars to the U.S. annually to study, teach, and conduct research. Designed to increase mutual understanding between the American people and the people of other countries, the program, run by the U.S. State Department, also supports American students and scholars studying and working abroad.

**“Penn Law is a truly global institution with a focus on international study throughout the curriculum.”**

Amy Gadsden, associate dean for International and Strategic Initiatives

“It's unusual but not surprising to have so many Fulbright scholars in residence at the Law School at the same time,” said Amy Gadsden, associate dean for International and Strategic Initiatives. “As we have expanded our academic programs and partnerships in India, Asia, Europe, and other parts of the world, Penn Law's international profile has expanded dramatically in recent years. Penn Law is a truly global institution with a focus on international study throughout the curriculum.”

**Jie Xie**, a government prosecutor and Ph.D. candidate at the Criminal Law Research Center of the East China University of Political Science & Law in Shanghai, said he came to Penn Law to work with Paul Robinson, the Colin S. Diver Professor of Law and one of the world's leading criminal law scholars. Xie's research project focused on financial crime, especially market manipulation.

**Beril Boz**, a Fulbright recipient from Turkey, spent her year as a student fellow at the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition working on research with Christopher Yoo, the John H. Chestnut Professor of Law and a leading scholar of Internet and telecommunications regulation.

**Heidi Fredly**, who received a Master of Laws degree from the University of Oslo, became interested in Anglo-American law as a result of her research on maritime law. At Penn Law, she studied commercial law, particularly contract law.

**Puvadet Prommakrit**, a detective with the Royal Thai Police Force who holds master's degrees in criminal law and justice, said he chose to attend Penn Law in preparation for Thailand's entrance into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, an organization that promotes economic growth, social progress, cultural development and regional stability.



Beril Boz



Heidi Fredly



Jie Xie



Puvadet Prommakrit



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## Investing in Burgeoning Brazil

**YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN**

that Brazil is the second largest economy in the western hemisphere and the seventh largest in the world. That is, unless you attended the CLE seminar in November on Brazilian investment.

Panelists were Raphael de Cunto, who has been a partner in the corporate group of Pinheiro Neto Advogados' Sao Paulo office since 1995; Mauricio Froes Guidi GL'13, who joined Pinheiro Neto Advogados' employment group in 2001; and Fernando M. Del Nero Gomes, who is an associate in investment banking at Deutsche Bank in New York.

Attendees learned how to navigate the Brazilian market, which The World Bank reports had the third highest net inflow of foreign direct investment in 2012 at \$76 billion, lagging behind only the United States and Canada.

Penn Law's Graduate and International Programs sponsored the seminar.

## Tribe Addresses Constitutional Conundrum of Choice as Coercion



Laurence H. Tribe

**DURING THE ROBERTS LECTURE IN NOVEMBER,** constitutional scholar Laurence H. Tribe argued that forcing people to choose behavior contrary to their personal beliefs is a form of coercion.

Tribe, a Harvard Law professor and author of the treatise *American Constitutional Law*, buttressed his argument by citing the landmark case, *West Virginia State Board of*

*Education v. Barnette*. Students were protected under the First Amendment from having to salute the American flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supreme Court held, according to Tribe, that the government must give dissenters a chance to opt out without penalty such as school suspension.

However, Tribe said, students were forced to make a choice: refrain from the pledge and display their beliefs, or recite the pledge in order to shield their beliefs from the public.

“Not every dissenter wants to be a zealot or a poster child for a cause, and the privacy, as well as the free intellect and spirit of those dissenters, deserves protection,” Tribe said.

Tribe said law schools faced a similar conundrum when Congress approved legislation ordering them to allow military recruiters on campus or lose federal funding — thus forcing schools to abandon their position on “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” in exchange for money.

“The law shouldn’t make people put a price on principles,” Tribe said. “These laws brought out beliefs we should be allowed to keep private.”

Tribe said choice becomes coercion and forces people into “gun-to-the-head” decisions. “The problem remains to be solved,” Tribe said.



## PENN LAW PRIDE GIVING TROUBLED CHILDREN A SHOT AT SUCCESS

“The Clinic tries to break the cycle of poverty. I’m interested in making sure adolescents and children have the best shot at a successful future.”

– ERIC J. FRIEDMAN L’89

**THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TOO GOOD** to pass up. Eric J. Friedman L’89 had a chance to support a good cause and the work of a former colleague. The decision to make a gift was easy.

Friedman’s gift helped establish a fund for the Interdisciplinary Child Advocacy Clinic, which is directed by Kara Finck, Penn Law practice associate professor of law. Finck was a former fellow of the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, of which Friedman is a trustee.

“I have an interest in child development and child advocacy,” said Friedman, a member of Penn Law’s Board of Overseers. “This presented a nice opportunity to combine my personal support for the work of a former Skadden fellow and at the same time support Penn Law. This fund will provide resources to ensure that children and adolescents at risk have the best support structure to help navigate complex legal and social challenges.”

Friedman’s gift was made along with a gift from The Flom Family Foundation, on whose board Friedman serves. Friedman has been the executive partner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, since 2009. He also serves on the boards of a number of organizations including the Legal Aid Society, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, the Phoenix House Foundation, and the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

The gifts will go toward establishing a fund for the Clinic, which supports adolescents and children at risk and teaches law students how to serve as child advocates. Clients of the Clinic include victims of trauma, abuse, neglect, and deep poverty, with complex issues in child welfare, immigration, education, health, and mental health law. Students represent these at-risk children in court hearings and participate in developing plans for them.

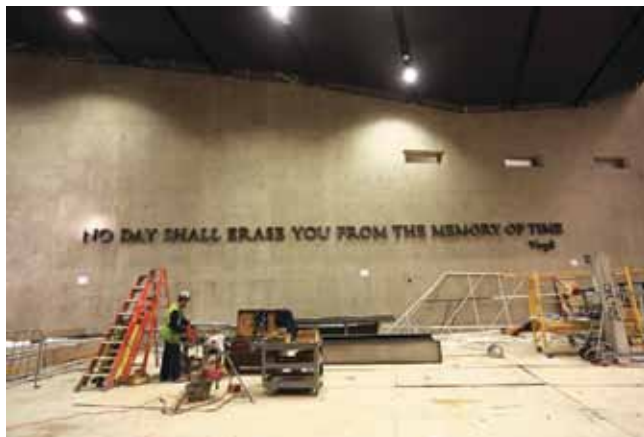
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## Historian Offers Presidential Tour de Force in First Haaga Lecture

**PRESIDENTIAL HISTORIAN MICHAEL BESCHLOSS** inaugurated the Paul G. Haaga Jr. Lecture in Law, Government, and Public Policy with a series of funny and sobering stories about chief executives from Harry Truman to Richard Nixon. Beschloss, a *New York Times* best-selling author and presidential historian for NBC News, titled his talk “The Importance of Presidential Leadership.”

During his lecture, Beschloss pondered how and why the President of the United States became the key decision-maker on questions of war and peace, despite the Founders’ intention to have the chief executive share responsibility and accountability with Congress. The lecture series is named for Paul Haaga L’74, WG’74, the former chairman of the Penn Law Board of Overseers and the benefactor of the Haaga Lounge, one of the principal meeting areas for students.



## A Museum of Mourning

**DURING AN EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION AT THE LAW SCHOOL**, Joe Daniels L’98, president and chief executive officer of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, described the contents of the museum, which opened in mid-May. (It is under construction in the photo.) One hall contains an inscription of a quotation from Virgil: No Day Shall Erase You From The Memory Of Time. As Daniels explained, the quotation was constructed from steel discovered in the World Trade Center. The museum will also contain artifacts, first person accounts of the tragic events, exhibits on the rise of al Qaeda and the 9/11 plot, and digital portraits and biographies of the victims.

# U.S. State Department Official Seeks Expanded Definition of Sexual War Crimes

**RAPE IS A WAR CRIME** according to the Geneva Convention, but Stephen J. Rapp, head of the U.S. State Department’s Office of Global Criminal Justice, wants to make other acts of sexual violence war crimes as well.

Speaking at the Segal Lecture in March, Ambassador-At-Large Rapp explained that it is difficult to convict commanders and leaders of sexual violence. He said survivors rarely come forward, and even when they do, there are obstacles because rape kits and a range of medical procedures that could provide evidence at trial are often unavailable in third world countries. In addition, he said, it is common to have improper documentation of testimony.

Further, Rapp said, regimes that commit these crimes are not apt to prosecute their own governments, forcing many trials to go to international court.

As a prosecutor of wartime atrocities during the civil war in Sierra Leone, Rapp had some success, winning the first convictions in history of sexual slavery and forced marriage, which are deemed crimes under international humanitarian law.

Rapp said rape and other sexual crimes has become “a very effective tactic in destroying a certain group of people.”

He cited the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where more than 300 people were raped, but no one was killed, in August



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2010. A subsequent study in the *American Journal of Public Health* showed that more than 400,000 women had been raped in the Congo during a 12-month period between 2006 and 2007.

Rapp said he remains committed to seeking justice for the victims of these crimes. “The prosecution of these crimes is absolutely crucial to restoring the dignity of these victims...who are entitled to a system of law.”

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## THE SULTAN OF STATS

*“Objective information changes the world in which you live, in a way that speculation does not, commentary does not, and criticism does not.”*

— **BILL JAMES**

Bill James told attendees at the 8th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at Penn Law School last Fall. James is the father of a form of data analysis in baseball known as Sabermetrics.



## PENN LAW PRIDE

### TEMARES CREATES SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF HIS PARENTS

“The fact that I could honor my parents and do something nice for the school...it just felt right.”

– STEVEN TEMARES L'83

STEVEN TEMARES L'83 believes that education and family are two of the most important aspects of life. So, when the chance arose to support Penn Law and honor his parents, it was a no-brainer – he and his wife Amy made a gift to create the Temares Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

“The fact that I could honor my parents and do something nice for the school...it just felt right,” Temares said.

Temares and his family are ardent supporters of education. – they believe many of society’s problems and individual suffering, such as prejudice, poverty, and inequality, can be meaningfully addressed through an emphasis on education. Steven Temares is on the board of overseers at Rutgers University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He is also on the parents and dean’s council at Lehigh University, and the parents council at Yale. His wife, Amy, was also on the board of the high school his three children attended.

Temares said the endowed scholarship at Penn Law will be named after his mother, Sandy, and his deceased father, Jack. He said he is grateful that his 80-year-old mother is still a vital part of their family life, and a role model for his children, Jacklyn, Dani, and Maddie.

The idea for the endowed scholarship initially arose after the Temares family struck up a friendship with Penn Law Dean Michael Fitts. As the friendship blossomed, Temares felt it was time to do something special for the Law School. Upon being

told of a similar gift by his law school classmate, co-worker, and friend, Allan Rauch C'80, L'83, Temares decided to create their own family scholarship.

“We always found Dean Fitts to be very passionate about the school and the role of the school for the betterment of the individual and society,” Temares said. “That relationship led us to be involved at Penn Law.”

It also helped that Temares had a great experience at Penn Law. He said that he met a number of talented people, many of whom went on to do interesting things outside of the practice of law.

“We were a group of well-rounded people with varied interests,” Temares said. “The Penn Law experience definitely wasn't a limiting experience.”

Temares was among the students who ended up in a field unrelated to law. After graduating from Penn Law, Temares worked for law firms in New York and New Jersey. His life changed in 1992, when he was approached by Bed Bath & Beyond, a leading retailer of home furnishings. He began working at the company, eventually became executive vice president, then president, and, since 2003, its CEO.

Now, Temares hopes that the scholarship he created will enable future students to have as good an experience at Penn Law as he did.

# Big Ten Commissioner Says No Way to Pay to Play

Photo courtesy of ESLS.



David Simon L'15 (Treasurer & Symposium Chair), Jim Delaney, Grant Darwin L'14 (Vice President), Eli Klein L'14 (President)

**BIG TEN COMMISSIONER JIM DELANEY** made it clear where he stands on whether student athletes should be paid: No!

“We ought not be in a position of exploiting student athletes,” Delaney said during his keynote address last

February at the inaugural Penn Law Sports Symposium, which was sponsored by the Heisman Trust, named after Penn Law alumnus John Heisman, namesake of the coveted Heisman Trophy that is awarded annually to college football’s best player.

**“We ought not be in a position of exploiting student athletes,”**

SAID JIM DELANEY.

He said it would be wrong for college athletics to be treated like the “minor leagues” for professional sports.

However, his position could prove moot pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by a former UCLA basketball player who seeks to compel the NCCA to share compensation for the use of his likeness in a video game. A federal court ruled last year that the plaintiffs could add current athletes to the case.

Delaney, who is the Big Ten’s fifth commissioner since its founding in 1896, is in his 25th year with the conference. Since 1989, he has led the Big Ten through significant periods of change, including adopting rules to encourage increased participation of women in sports, the expansion of the league to 14 teams, and launching the Big Ten Network in 2007.

The commissioner is opposed to pay to play, but he does believe that some changes are required. For instance, he supports scholarships that would cover the full cost of education, as opposed to partial or one-year scholarships. He also supports making recent graduates eligible to become NCAA voting members, giving them a voice in the many critical issues facing college athletics.

Delaney fielded a number of questions about NCCA rules and regulations. He said the NCCA must enforce its rules without the “micro-managing” that the organization is sometimes prone to.

He cited a case in which the University of Oklahoma reported that three of its football players ate too much pasta at a graduation banquet. In order to be reinstated, the players had to donate \$3.83 each (the cost of the pasta servings) to the charities of their choice.

Whatever changes may come for the NCAA, Delaney was adamant about one thing: “We want a system that’s relevant for the 21st century.”

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# NSA Deputy Director Dispels Agency Myths

BY SAMUEL BYERS



John Inglis, National Security Administration Deputy Director.

**“IF ANYONE HASN’T TURNED OFF THEIR CELL PHONE YET,** hold up your hand and I’ll do it for you.” The audience laughed nervously.

Naturally, National Security Administration Deputy Director John Inglis couldn’t really control the cell phones and laptops of audience members sitting in Fitts Auditorium at the Penn Law School last November. But in the wake of revelations brought

to light in the last year by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, there has been no shortage of myths surrounding the agency’s power in popular culture.

Inglis dedicated a significant portion of his 45-minute lecture — and the hour-long question-and-answer session that followed — to dispelling myths and misconceptions about the agency that have pervaded in the media since Snowden began leaking classified documents pertaining to the NSA’s domestic and international information-gathering programs earlier this year.

Inglis was brought to Penn Law as the keynote speaker for a conference called “On the Very Idea of Secret Laws: Transparency and Publicity in Deliberative Democracy,” organized by professor Claire Finkelstein of the Law School’s Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law. The crowd he addressed was made up mostly of academics and professionals attending the conference, as well as a handful of Penn Law students.

One of the key misconceptions that Inglis addressed was the complicated, interconnected nature of the personal, geographical and digital domains in which the NSA conducts its work.

According to Inglis, the NSA follows a set of very specific rules to determine whether or not they have the authority to collect data on a certain individual and where they are allowed to



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collect that data. However, he said, “cyberspace doesn’t play by the same rules [of geography]” as traditional legal jurisdictions, which can invite some complications.

Inglis went on to describe how news media sources have mischaracterized certain NSA-led investigations as “invasions of privacy.” For example, one leaked internal compliance report, drafted by the NSA, describes these invasions as occasions in which a subject the NSA was authorized to monitor moved from a territory in which they had jurisdiction into one in which they did not, without the agency’s knowledge.

Moreover, he attributed most public hostility against the agency to a general misunderstanding of its goals, methods and oversight procedures. He also affirmed both his and his agency’s commitment to the protections enshrined in the Constitution that he swore to uphold.

Inglis used an analogy of a railroad car to describe how civil liberties and public safety must both be held in great esteem for the agency to effectively fulfill its mission.

If both aren’t strong, firmly grounded and running parallel to one another, “it isn’t going to work,” he said.

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## A Penn Law Perk One Student Will Never Forget

**GIRMAY ZAHILAY L'14** had the chance to meet both President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama while working at the White House last fall. Don't ask him to choose which experience was best though.

"President Obama is so personable. And he's accomplished so much in his life. Getting to see him in person and hear his voice, it was surreal," Zahilay said. "[Michelle Obama] was so warm and kind. She even gave me a hug. She might have been one of the most magnetic personalities I've ever seen."

Zahilay got face time with the First Couple as a participant in Penn Law's Externship Program, under which two dozen second- and third-year students spent a semester at government agencies and nonprofit organizations including the White House, U.S. State Department, the District Attorney's Office in Philadelphia, and the Office of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Zahilay was assigned to the Office of White House Counsel, which advises the President and White House staff on all executive branch legal issues. In that capacity, Zahilay conducted research, drafted memos, supported senior and associate counsels to the President by writing summaries of Congressional hearings, and logged congressional letters that were being sent to executive agencies.

White House counsel is divided into four practice areas: national security, policy, ethics, and oversight. Zahilay worked mostly in the policy department, which, according to Zahilay,

develops the legal parameters of the President's policies.

Zahilay led the Domestic Policy Professional Interest Group for his internship class. The job required him to set meetings and organize policy discussions and policy-related events for interns and senior White House staffers. It is through this position that Zahilay got to meet the President and the First Lady.

"These weekly meetings allowed me to meet attorneys from a range of backgrounds," he said. "They introduced me to mentors that have educated me and that may open doors for me in the future."

Zahilay was fortunate to learn the ways of Washington and receive career advice from Penn Law Lecturer in Law Kedric Payne L'01, who is deputy chief counsel of the Office of Congressional Ethics, and Nicole Isaac L'04, special assistant to the President for legislative affairs.

The experience of meeting the President and First Lady is not only indelible for him. "I sent my mom the picture of me with the President," Zahilay said. "She showed the picture to everyone she works with at the nursing home. She said that this was the first time she had ever felt like somebody important. That was a really heartwarming moment for her and me."

*Girmay Zahilay L'14 served a Penn Law externship last fall in the Office of White House Counsel. It was educational and exhilarating, and he got to meet both President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.*

## A 'Global Shaper' and Precocious Leader on Income Inequality

**DIEPIRIYE ANGA L'14** grew up in Lagos, Nigeria. She came from a professional family and had the chance to go to a great school. However, she realized that life was not like that for every child in the country — and she was only 10 years old. Even at this young age, Anga was aware of the disparities between children like herself and those from less fortunate backgrounds, many of whom lacked access to basic amenities such as clean water and a stable power supply.

Fast-forward 14 years to today, and Anga, who graduated from Penn Law School in May, is still committed to addressing the needs of others. That lifelong focus led to her being named as one of eight “Global Shapers” in Philadelphia by the World Economic Forum.

“My background has made me very sensitive to economic development and social inequality issues,” Anga said. It is all well and good to talk about change, but the Global Shapers community actually hones in on ways that change can be made.”

The World Economic Forum is an international institution committed to improving the state of the world through public-private cooperation. Periodically, the Forum selects “Global Shapers,” who are described on their website as “highly motivated individuals who have a great potential for future leadership roles in society.”

Anga fits the description. Over the past few years, she has participated in service and pro bono projects around the world. As

an undergraduate at Villanova University, she was a recipient of the Fr. Ray Jackson Memorial Fund Grant for students providing direct service to the poor in the United States and overseas. She worked with the St. Patrick’s Foundation in Jamaica where she provided educational, health and social services to the sick, elderly, and economically displaced at Catholic mission sites in Kingston. Additionally, she traveled to Peru, where Anga helped educate women about microfinance and entrepreneurship. In her second year at Penn Law, as part of her role as the national director of international relations for the National

Black Law Students Association, Anga led a group of 11 law students from around the United States to Nigeria to collaborate with an organization aimed at assisting victims of human trafficking.

Anga hopes to tap into her new global network and eventually develop and participate in projects focused on achieving the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals in the areas of women’s rights, education, and child and maternal health. For now, however, she is focused on the next step in her legal education — in her last semester at Penn

Law, Anga completed an externship at Amnesty International in New York City, where she researched international human rights violations in the United States. In the fall, she will start work as a litigation associate at Kaye Scholer LLP in New York, where she plans to build a strong presence in their pro bono practice.





## Wendell E. Pritchett Named Interim Dean of Penn Law School

### WENDELL E. PRITCHETT

**HAS BEEN NAMED INTERIM DEAN** of the University of Pennsylvania Law School for the 2014–15 academic year. Currently the chancellor of Rutgers University-Camden, Pritchett is returning this summer to Penn, where he was previously professor of law and an associate dean of Penn Law, to become a Presidential Term Professor. As interim dean, he succeeds Michael A. Fitts, who will leave June 30 to become president of Tulane University.

The announcement of Pritchett's appointment was made by Penn President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price. A search for a new dean will begin later this spring and continue into 2014–15. As interim dean, Pritchett will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

Pritchett is an award-winning urban historian, an accomplished educational leader and administrator and a distinguished legal teacher and scholar. He served as a Penn Law faculty member from 2001 to 2009 and earned a Ph.D. in history from Penn in 1997. He earned a J.D. from Yale University in 1991 and a B.A. in political science from Brown University in 1986.

During his time at Penn Law, Pritchett served as associate dean for academic affairs from 2006 to 2007. In 2008, he served as deputy chief of staff and director of policy for Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter, who appointed him to the School Reform Commission in 2011. In 2012, Pritchett was elected president of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, a national consortium of higher education institutions.

"We are honored that Dr. Pritchett has agreed to take on this position," Gutmann said. "Wendell brings a passionate commitment to academic excellence and civic engagement to help address our society's most pressing problems — urban education, redevelopment, housing, poverty and race relations foremost among them," Gutmann said.

**"Penn Law is one of a small handful of truly great law schools. I very much look forward to working with my colleagues on the faculty, as well as the staff, students, alumni, and stakeholders of Penn Law to continue the school's distinction as a national leader in research, teaching, and service."**

WENDELL E. PRITCHETT



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"Wendell's extensive experience as an academic leader and administrator, his expertise in urban policy and education, and his familiarity with the realities and dynamics of government make him the ideal interim leader of Penn Law," Price said. "His leadership will benefit both Penn Law and the entire University."

"I am deeply honored by President Gutmann's confidence in my ability to serve as Interim Dean for the 2014–2015 school year," Pritchett said. "Penn Law is one of a small handful of truly great law schools. I very much look forward to working with my colleagues on the faculty, as well as the staff, students, alumni, and stakeholders of Penn Law to continue the school's distinction as a national leader in research, teaching, and service."

## Bookshelf



### *The Workplace Constitution from the New Deal to the New Right*

(CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, SEPTEMBER 2014)

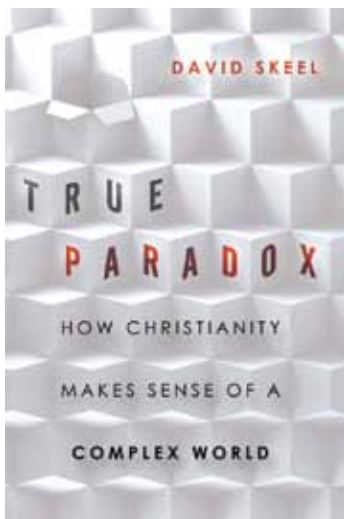
By Sophia Lee

**TODAY, MOST AMERICAN WORKERS DO NOT HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ON THE JOB.**

As *The Workplace Constitution* shows, this outcome was far from inevitable. Instead, American workers have a long history of fighting for such rights. Beginning in the 1930s, civil rights advocates sought constitutional protections against racial discrimination by employers and unions. At the same time, a conservative right-to-work movement argued that the Constitution protected workers from having to join or support unions. Those two movements, with their shared aim of extending constitutional protections to American workers, were a potentially powerful combination. But they sought to use those protections to quite different ends: African Americans wanted access to unions, while right-to-work litigants wanted to be free of them. Although the civil rights movement went on to

dismantle Jim Crow laws, and the right-to-work movement had the support of some of the nation's most prominent politicians and opinion makers, their conflicting purposes sapped support for the workplace Constitution and ultimately led to its collapse.

*The Workplace Constitution* tells for the first time the story of anti-New Deal conservatives' legal campaigns, recovers overlooked civil rights and labor advocacy, and moves constitutional history into little-explored venues such as administrative agencies. In recounting the civil rights and right-to-work movements' surprising successes and explaining their ultimate failure, the author provides a fresh perspective on postwar conservatism and liberalism, emphasizing how law intertwined their fates and how that entanglement in turn shaped the law. In the twenty-first century, the workplace Constitution has all but vanished. This book illuminates what has been gained and lost in its demise, both in the workplace and beyond.



### *True Paradox: How Christianity Makes Sense of Our Complex World*

(INTERVARSITY, FALL 2014)

By David Skeel

**THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD** is often seen as an embarrassment for Christianity. How can an ancient faith like Christianity explain a world that is as complex as we know now our world to be?

*A True Faith* proposes that this perception has things exactly backwards. Christianity actually explains the central puzzles of our existence — such consciousness, our experience of beauty and suffering, our inability to create a just social order — far better than materialism or any other set of beliefs.

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*Penn Law Dean 2000–2014*



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## EXIT INTERVIEW

**F**itts, who joined the Law School faculty in 1985 and was appointed dean in 2000, will step down at the end of June to become the president of Tulane University. His 14 years at the Law School's helm make him one of the two longest serving deans in modern Penn Law history. Since World War II, only Jefferson Fordham, dean from 1952 to 1969, served longer.

Recognizing that in today's complex and interconnected world legal problems, as he describes it, "don't come neatly packaged," Fitts led a transformation of the Law School's already outstanding curriculum. His promotion of an interdisciplinary approach to legal education and the acquisition of complementary leadership skills anticipated changes in the legal marketplace, making Penn Law a beacon for the future of legal education.

Those bold initiatives, and a host of other innovations and improvements Fitts championed, have been instrumental in Penn Law's continued success in attracting the best and brightest students and faculty, and in placing its graduates.

At the heart of Fitts' bright vision for the future of Penn Law is the understanding that "law and law schools are connected to every significant issue, problem, and perspective in our society." As a result, Penn Law today is a place of surpassing intellectual vitality and social engagement.

Fitts' impact is manifest in innovations large and small — from rearranging the Law School's class schedule to make it easier for students to take courses in Penn's other world-class departments and professional schools, to expanding the size of the faculty and increasing the breadth and depth of its expertise in fields at the cutting-edge of legal practice, to overseeing a top-to-bottom renova-

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MIKE IS A GAMER.

*If there is an activity that could possibly benefit the law school, Mike will do it, EVEN IF IT'S FAR FROM HIS WHEELHOUSE.*

I HAVE WITNESSED NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF THIS, RANGING FROM PLAYING DODGEBALL WITH STUDENTS IN THE COURTYARD TO EATING LOCAL DELICACIES IN BANGALORE. IT IS THIS KIND OF DEDICATION THAT HAS LED TO SUCH FLOURISHING OF THE LAW SCHOOL UNDER MIKE'S TENURE AS DEAN.”

**David Abrams,**  
PROFESSOR OF LAW, BUSINESS ECONOMICS, AND PUBLIC POLICY

tion of the law school campus. He is also credited with a 100 percent increase in scholarship support, as well as extending our international reach and deepening our commitment to public service.

Summing up his transformative impact one faculty member recently commented, Fitts "didn't snap a magic wand, he just worked incredibly hard and saw around corners."

In a kind of exit interview, Penn Law Dean Michael A. Fitts describes the keys to his tenure and explains why leading the Law School has been such a fulfilling job.

**Q:** Did you ever envision serving 14 years as dean?

**A:** Never in a million years. When I took the position you probably would have described me as a reluctant dean. I hadn't sought the position, and I assumed I would probably serve one seven-year term. As soon as I became dean, however, I found I loved the job. I enjoyed all the different challenges and opportunities and the great variety of it. And it soon became clear to me that it was something I would enjoy doing for an extended period of time.

**Q:** What are the attributes of an effective dean?

**A:** It's very important to be focused

long term on the broad goals you want to achieve. I understood early on that Penn Law's interdisciplinary program, its relationship with the other schools at the university, and the personal collaborative relationships within the institution were the qualities and strengths that I should build on as dean. To a large extent, almost everything I have focused on can be viewed as an outgrowth of those long-term goals. I've certainly ended up doing many, many things I never conceived of when I first became dean. But in retrospect, my focus remained on what made Penn and Penn Law great and how we could deepen those strengths and distinctive qualities of the law school.

**Q:** You said you did things as dean you never could have conceived. What were those things?

**A:** When I first became dean I was not focused at all on bricks and mortar. I thought the Law School needed to expand the faculty, which was far too small, and needed to focus on the curriculum, especially with other schools. And that was clearly what I spent the first few years energetically developing. But as part of that expansion it became very clear first, that our physical plant needed substantial renovations to accomplish not only a larger but more distinctive program, but also that the nature of those renovations



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MIKE HAS GUIDED THE TRANSFORMATION OF PENN'S LAW CAMPUS FROM FADED TO FABULOUS, FROM FUNCTIONING TO FLOURISHING. THESE CHANGES ALONG WITH THE NEW EMPHASES OF INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP, CROSS DISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING *have made Penn one of the best places to study law in the world.*”

*Anita L. Allen,*  
HENRY R. SILVERMAN  
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND  
PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND FOR ME IS SUBTLE LEADERSHIP. MIKE IS THE KIND OF DEAN WHO GETS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT DONE, BUT QUIETLY THROUGH NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN A PUBLIC SHOW OF FORCE.

*I think his success comes, in part, from persuading people of the logic of his objectives rather than trying to impose his will.*”

*Jill E. Fisch,*  
PERRY GOLKIN PROFESSOR OF LAW;  
CO-DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR LAW  
AND ECONOMICS

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YOU HAVE NOT ONLY MADE A TRANSFORMATIVE DIFFERENCE AT PENN LAW, THE UNIVERSITY AND THE LEGAL COMMUNITY, *you have made a positive personal difference in the lives of so many.* I COUNT MYSELF AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MARKED BY YOUR DEFT AND INDELIBLE TOUCH—ALWAYS EFFECTIVELY DELIVERED AND WITH ENORMOUS GRACE AND CARING.”

*Stephen M. Goodman W'62, L'65,*  
PARTNER, MORGAN LEWIS

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*Mike's enthusiasm, vision and passion for the school was infectious.* HE IS A WARM AND CARING INDIVIDUAL THAT GOES ABOUT HIS LIFE WITH A WONDERFUL PERSONAL TOUCH.”

*Steven Temares L'83,* CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BED BATH & BEYOND

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AS DEAN, MIKE FITTS *cultivated an environment of collaboration, innovation and growth at Penn Law during a period of incredible volatility in the legal marketplace.*

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH SUCH A TRANSFORMATIVE LEADER ESPECIALLY AS A GRADUATE OF THIS AMAZING LAW SCHOOL.”

*Heather Frattone W'94, L'98,*  
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT, PENN LAW SCHOOL

# THE FITTS YEARS BY THE NUMBERS



\$140,000

THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE to students pursuing public service careers under an expanded loan forgiveness and repayment program.

100%

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS guaranteed summer funding for public service internships.

270%

THE GROWTH IN ALL FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID during Dean Fitts' tenure.

26

THE NUMBER OF STUDENT-RUN PROJECTS in Penn Law's award-winning pro bono program, 20 of which were established during Fitts' tenure.



30,000

THE NUMBER OF HOURS of pro bono service provided by Penn Law students every year.

70%

THE PROPORTION OF THE CLASS OF 2014 who graduated with a joint-degree or certificate.

2000

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

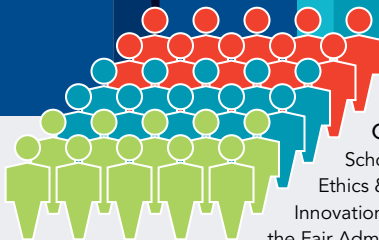
YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

400 PERCENT



THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ACADEMIC CENTERS AND INSTITUTES at the Law School, including establishment of the Center for Ethics & the Rule of Law, the Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition, and the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice.

THE NUMBER OF SQUARE FEET ADDED TO THE LAW SCHOOL CAMPUS by the \$33.5 million Golkin Hall project. In addition to opening Golkin Hall in 2012, the Law School campus underwent a \$50 million top-to-bottom renovation during the Fitts years.

JD + MA MS AM BA BS PHD DMD MCP MSED MSSP MBA MEd MPA MBE MSc MSW MSLM MPH = 35

The number of JOINT-DEGREE + CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS offered at the Law School, increasing the opportunity for students to benefit from cross-disciplinary legal studies.

THE RECORD-HIGH NUMBER of judicial clerkships secured by Penn Law graduates from May 2008 through December 2013, including **three** clerkships on the U.S. Supreme Court in the past three years.



THE EXPANSION IN THE SIZE of the standing faculty, including interdisciplinary appointments in corporate law and finance, intellectual property, international law, health law, and science and technology.

**40**  
PERCENT



NUMBER OF STUDENTS who have passed through the doors of the Law School during the Fitts years.



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**27**  
THE NUMBER OF BOK VISITING INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORS who have taught at the Law School since 2010, including Chilean dictator Pinochet's prosecutor, Juan Guzman Tapia.

**6**  
THE NUMBER OF STUDY ABROAD AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS established during Fitts' tenure with universities from Bangalore to Beijing.

**100**  
THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PENN LAW STUDENTS who are studying and working abroad every year.

**\$2000**  
MILLION

The amount raised by the **BOLD AMBITIONS** capital campaign, facilitating an intellectual and physical transformation of the Law School.

**57%**  
THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS to the JD program, which rose from 3,391 in 2000 to 5,307 in 2013.

**70%**  
THE PROPORTION OF THE STANDING FACULTY WHO HOLD ADVANCED DEGREES in addition to the JD; nearly half the faculty hold joint appointments within the University.

**6,000**  
NUMBER OF ALUMNI MET at reunions, dinners, and personal visits.

## EXIT INTERVIEW

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WHEN I THINK OF MIKE FITTS I IMMEDIATELY THINK OF HIS GREAT CAPACITY TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE LISTENER. MIKE WELCOMES INPUT FROM A RANGE OF PEOPLE AND VIEWS ON ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE LAW SCHOOL AND THE WELL-BEING OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS A UNIQUE FACILITY TO PROCESS THESE DIVERSE VIEWS AND SYNTHESIZE THEM INTO ONE COHERENT, WELL THOUGHT-OUT AND ARTICULATED POSITION AT THE END OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS.

*Mike's display of this singular capability reminds me of my Mother's People, the Yorubas, proverb that 'we have two ears and one mouth so we should listen twice as much as we talk'.*

IN THAT REGARD, MIKE IS A GREAT HONORARY YORUBA!!”

*Osagie Imasogie GL'85,*

FOUNDER AND SENIOR MANAGING PARTNER, PHOENIX IP VENTURES

had to be an outgrowth of those goals that we thought were so important to the school. And so what I've found over the last 14 years is that we have effectively rebuilt the entire campus, but in a way which flows directly from the academic program and the collaborative culture that we've tried to build.

**Q:** Given your family's Penn roots, what did it mean to serve as dean of Penn Law School?

**A:** I grew up on the campus and my father and grandfather both attended the University and spent their careers here. I had a very good sense of what made Penn different, both its entrepreneurial quality and its interdisciplinary opportunities. I'd seen that with my father at the medical school and my grandfather at Wharton. Those were strengths that they had developed in their administrative capacities. And so when I became dean of the Law School my interest in pursuing those strengths were a result not only of what I saw as the changes in the profession and Penn Law's ability to be ahead

of the curve in meeting those changes, but also what I saw as the strengths of Penn and the culture of Penn as an interdisciplinary university across twelve different schools.

**Q:** What surprised you most as dean?

**A:** The biggest surprise was how rewarding it was to raise funds for the Law School. Development is a critical part of any deanship. What is rewarding about the process of development is that you are able to get to know so many interesting, exciting, successful people. You have a chance to talk to them about the opportunities available at the institution, and in a large number of cases, get them engaged in the importance of Penn Law School and what they can do to continue our success. It's a fun process. I've loved my relationships with the alumni and I've loved getting them involved with the school.

**Q:** How would you characterize the changes during your tenure?

**A:** There have been substantial changes. We started with the goal to expand the faculty, and it's increased in size by roughly 40 percent, especially in areas that needed much more coverage. The legal profession had changed and it was critical that we have faculty who are experts in a large number of the emerging areas. So we added a number of faculty in intellectual property, in corporate law, in health law, and in international law. There also was a rapid expansion of the curriculum as we worked to interconnect with the other schools in the University, not only with formal programs but with certificates, so that we moved from not a particularly large number of students taking programs outside the Law School to today where easily two-thirds of the student body are being recognized for cross-school study when they receive their law school diplomas.

In addition, the administrative staff, which is absolutely superb, has expanded and taken on responsibilities that have been essential to the success of the Law School. There are just so many different areas, including career planning, public service, development, and technology, in which a top-ranked law school must excel. And we do. The final change, of course, is the physical campus, which I certainly never started out to improve. As I look back, essentially the entire campus of Penn Law School has either been renovated or rebuilt.

**Q:** You've often joked that the measure of a dean is the number of buildings they build. By that standard, how important has Golkin Hall been to the development of the Law School?

**A:** The campus supports and reflects our

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DEAN FITTS HAS OBVIOUSLY DONE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT IN BUILDING UP THE LAW SCHOOL, BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY. BUT FOR MANY OF US,

*his major contribution is one hidden from public view: improving and expanding our scholarly lives in the substantive and moral support that he and the institution provide.*

I HAVE TAUGHT AT SEVERAL OTHER TOP LAW SCHOOLS AND, YET, MUCH OF MY SCHOLARLY WORK OF THE PAST DECADE HERE AT PENN LAW WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE ELSEWHERE. TO THE EXTENT THAT MY WORK HAS VALUE TO OUR LARGER SOCIETY, IT IS A CONTRIBUTION MADE POSSIBLE BY MIKE FITTS.”

**Paul H. Robinson, COLIN S. DIVER PROFESSOR OF LAW**

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MIKE IS A VISIONARY. AS DEAN, HE POSSESSED THE UNIQUE GIFT FOR UNDERSTANDING, ARTICULATING, AND SHARING HOW THE INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION OF PENN LAW (AND THE BROADER UNIVERSITY) STANDS AS THE ESSENCE FOR WHAT DISTINGUISHES OUR LEGAL EDUCATION FROM ALL OTHERS. IN MANY WAYS, *Mike is the embodiment of an interdisciplinary approach — multi-skilled, multi-faceted, and multi-dimensional.*”

**Martez Moore L’98,**  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF DIGITAL MEDIA & HEAD OF STRATEGY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, BET NETWORKS

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MIKE HAS ALWAYS PUT THE GOOD OF THE LAW SCHOOL FIRST, AHEAD OF PERSONAL ADVANCEMENT OR EVEN PERSONAL LIFE. TIRELESS IN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THE LAW SCHOOL BETTER, TIRELESS IN GATHERING RESOURCES TO DO SO, AND TIRELESS IN GUARDING ALL OF US, FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS ALIKE, AGAINST THE MYRIAD CHALLENGES FACING LEGAL EDUCATION, MIKE LEAVES THE LAW SCHOOL A FAR, FAR BETTER PLACE.

*His deanship was transformational.*”

**Edward Rock L’83,**  
SAUL A. FOX DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS LAW

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*Mike had a great ability to take the best things about Penn Law and make them even better.*

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**Kermit Roosevelt, PROFESSOR OF LAW**

# EXIT INTERVIEW

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MIKE'S TENURE AS DEAN IS A LESSON IN LEADERSHIP AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL.

*He was able to conceive, articulate, and execute a vision for the law school that was both ambitious and distinctive. And, in his own quiet way, Mike has cultivated a remarkable culture of community—*

A CULTURE THAT COMBINES A SHARED COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WITH COLLEGIALLY AND DIVERSITY AND INTEGRITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. IT IS A CULTURE THAT, NOT COINCIDENTALLY, REFLECTS THE STRENGTH OF MIKE'S PERSONAL CHARACTER.”

*James J. Sandman L'76, PRESIDENT, LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION*

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*The school found a dean who matched its culture —*

OPEN, FRIENDLY, CURIOUS, WARM, AND STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE. MIKE, FROM THE START, WAS COMFORTABLE IN HIS OWN SKIN — A GOOD GUY YOU WANTED TO INTERSECT WITH.”

*Robert C. Sheehan L'69, OF COUNSEL, SKADDEN, ARPS*

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*Mike Fitts will go down in history as one of the greatest deans to grace any educational institution.*

AND WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT MIKE FITTS WILL BE MISSED, THERE WILL BE NO MISSING HIS INDELIBLE, BROAD AND DEEP CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL.”

*Shanin Specter L'84, PRINCIPAL, KLINE & SPECTER, P.C.*

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*Grace Wadell, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS*

academic philosophy. A great lawyer must be able to work with clients and other lawyers in order to find solutions to the complex problems of a diverse society. Penn Law's physical campus is designed to create maximum interaction between members of the community. Most similar institutions have buildings for faculty, and buildings for classrooms, and buildings for libraries. We have self-consciously sought to create what the real estate magnates would call mixed zoning and what I call spatial diversity, where activities are included around the entire campus so that everybody comes into contact with one another. That has been critical to the success of Penn Law School. Golkin Hall, which reflects that philosophy, as well as all of the renovations we have undertaken, have been critically important to our vision of what a great legal education should be.

**Q:** What brought you the most satisfaction?

**A:** Most satisfying to me is that the Penn Law community recognizes our unique strengths. I think students understand who we are and why we're special and excellent and different. I think alumni recognize that. I think the faculty recognizes that. It's this self-conscious understanding of who we are that resonates with me.

**Q:** What is your unfinished business?

**A:** We have a number of initiatives that are literally being launched right now — a Master's of Engineering with the Engineering School which will support future intellectual property lawyers; a Master's in Law which will be offered to students at the Medical School to provide a background in law without having to practice; a new government initiative to expand our relationships and visibility

in Washington, D.C. I would love to be here to see those to completion. They're really exciting initiatives. I'm sure my successor will continue those as well as several things I can't even imagine.

**Q:** How important is the alumni leadership in the transition?

**A:** The one constant remains the large group of deeply committed alumni who have been there time and time again to offer advice, direction, and support. And that group of people, the members of the Board of Overseers, the Law Alumni Society Board of Managers, and literally thousands of our alumni will continue to work on behalf of the Law School. That is the mark of a truly great institution — the intellectual, emotional and financial support of the alumni.

**Q:** What is the future of Penn Law School and the profession?

**A:** Clearly the profession has transformed over the last five, ten, fifteen, twenty years. And the Law School has gone through enormous changes over that same period. Many of the changes we have pursued have placed us in a truly excellent position. We continue to get an extraordinary number and quality of applicants — close to 6,000 per year. The placement of our students has remained as strong as any institution in the country. But obviously the profession is evolving, and Penn Law may need to make decisions about its curriculum and strategic direction that are going to be very important in ensuring that we stay ahead of the curve.

**Q:** What might those changes be?

**A:** Obviously there are discussions about two-year law schools and revisions to the third year of law school. We have a number of initiatives that will clearly be

part of any evolution in legal education.

**Q:** How difficult is it for you to leave your professional (Penn Law) and personal home (Philadelphia) after nearly 30 years?

**A:** I love Philadelphia. It's been my personal and professional home almost my entire life. So clearly I will always be part of this city and part of this law school. They are true loves. But New Orleans is a unique and exciting city. I look forward to being part of New Orleans and its truly magical rebuilding post-Katrina. Tulane is not only an excellent but a very special university, with a number of great strengths. I will, in many respects, engage in the same type of thinking about the future of education at Tulane as I've done here.

**Q:** What lessons about leadership will you take to Tulane?

**A:** A leader needs to continually focus on where you want the institution to be five or ten years down the line and the different ways to get there. It's having a sense of where you want to go, while, at the same time, closely consulting with all the different groups who are part of the institution and are investing in it and may well know much more than you do about a number of different issues.

At Penn Law School, for instance, our success over the last fourteen years is the result of the extraordinary abilities of the faculty, the alumni leadership, and the senior staff. If I have any strength, it's in being able to identify the strengths of other people and getting out of the way, because they are going to be much better than I am at pursuing a particular goal.

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1/With Dean Fitts in tow, then-chairman of the board of overseers Paul Haaga L'74, WG'74 and his wife Heather watch as the Penn Lions Chinese dance troupe perform at the dedication of the Haaga Lounge. The dedication took place on the Chinese New Year.

2/The Overseers surprised the dean with the presentation of the Michael A. Fitts Distinguished Professorship at the Benefactors Dinner in 2012.

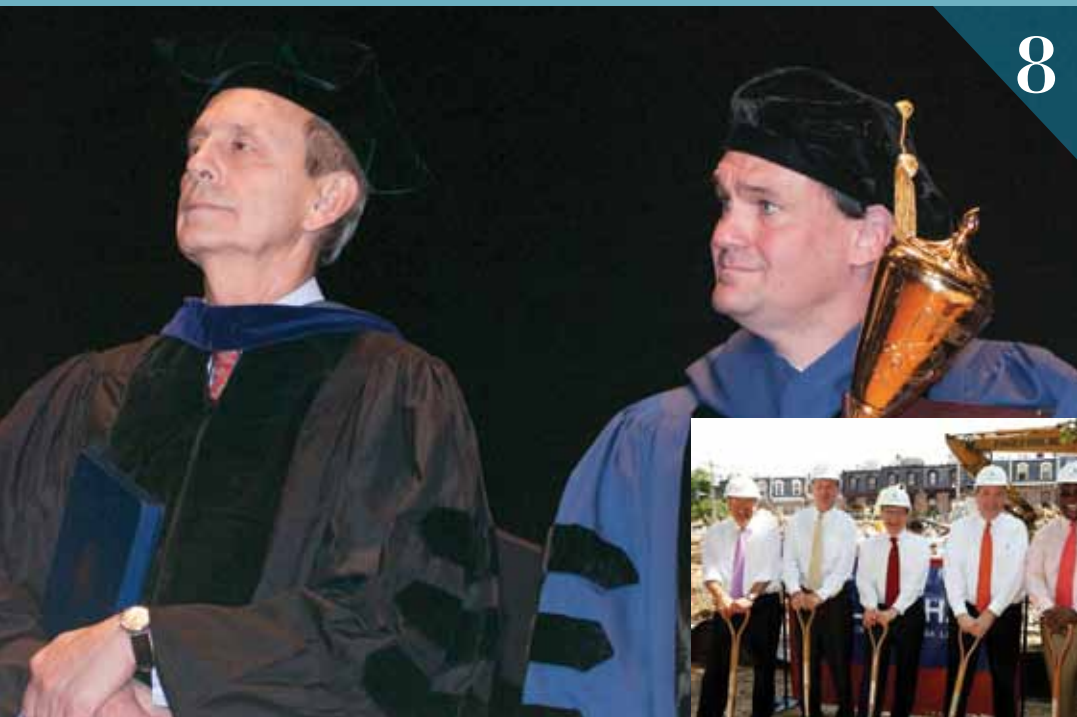
8/Dean Fitts rubbed shoulders and conferred with five Supreme Court Justices during his tenure. Here he joins Justice Stephen Breyer, commencement speaker for the Class of 2003.

9/The groundbreaking of Golkin Hall occurred on July 22, 2010, a blistering, mid-summer day. The 40,000-square-foot Golkin became the centerpiece of the new and improved Law School.

10/In November 2000, as former Penn President Judith Rodin looks on, Paul Levy L'72, his wife Karen and Mike Fitts cut the ribbon at the dedication of the Levy Conference Center, which has become a staple setting for events.



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11/Dean Fitts exhorts alumni during the launch of the Bold Ambitions campaign at the University Museum in November, 2006. The Law School shattered records by raising \$200 million.





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4/Dean Fitts operates forklift in a manner of speaking on site of Golkin Hall. Tons of earth were moved to lay the groundwork for the building.

7/Former law school classmate Justice Sonia Sotomayor takes questions from Dean Fitts during ceremonies marking the opening of Golkin Hall.



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3/At a school barbecue one year, Dean Fitts engaged in a friendly, but competitive game of dodgeball with students.

5/ The dean mixes it up with alumni during Reunion weekend, one of his favorite occasions.

6/ The dean sported a mustache early in his tenure before shaving it after about a year.

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12/Penn President Amy Gutmann, former Chairman of the Board of Overseers Paul Levy, and Dean Mike Fitts ham it up while playing a special edition of "Jeopardy" during the celebration of the end of a record-breaking \$200 million fund-raising campaign.



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13/At the start of his deanship Mike Fitts met with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who delivered an address at the Law School on Nov. 17, 2000, to mark the school's sesquicentennial.

14/ Following his scintillating Roberts Lecture in defense of Originalism, Justice Antonin Scalia has a tête-à-tête with Dean Fitts.

15/Dean Fitts presided over a symposium on Human Trafficking headlined by Gloria Steinem.



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# THE KING OF COMEDY

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE WITTY MUSICIAN WHO TURNED A TOMB OF A ROOM INTO ONE OF THE HOTTEST COMEDY CLUBS IN NEW YORK? LEAVE IT TO NOAM DWORMAN, AN ENTERPRISING GUY WHO LOVES TO BANTER WITH COMICS ALMOST AS MUCH AS HE LOVES TO FILL HIS VENUE.

BY ANDREW CLARK

Even if you've never stepped foot in Greenwich Village, there's still a good chance you're familiar with the iconic marquee of The Comedy Cellar.

In the opening credits of FX's hit "Louie," comedian Louis CK can be seen ambling down the steps of the Macdougall Street club, en route to perform a set. The show typically starts with the famed comic pacing around the club's stage, his shadow traversing the brick wall behind him. For a few minutes, he delivers joke after joke, riffing on everything from the pressures of being a girl to ducks.

With more than a million viewers, each episode of "Louie" gives the Comedy Cellar a level of exposure that most clubs can only dream about. And that's a rather impressive achievement for a venue that was a relative latecomer to New York's venerable comedy scene.

The Comedy Cellar opened in 1980, long after venues such as the 1960s-era Improv set the tone. But the Comedy Cellar made comic hay just the same, earning sell-out after sell-out of its 115-seat room as well as a string of accolades including Best Comedy Club from The Village Voice — all thanks to the enterprise of Noam Dworman L'87, who took over the club from his father, Manny, and has guided it to fame and fortune. No surprise given Dworman's business acumen and entertainment pedigree.

**“THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS TO BE A DIPLOMAT AND PRODUCE THE BEST RELATIONSHIP YOU CAN WITH THE COMEDIAN,”**  
SAYS NOAM DWORMAN.

Dworman really isn't your typical suit and tie business owner. He's a witty musician who loves comedy, and even though he's never done stand-up, he genuinely enjoys spending time and trading barbs with comics.

“I'm funny off-stage, but stand-up is much more challenging than just having a good sense of humor,” says Dworman, who has been a comedy fan ever since his childhood, looking up to the likes of Richard Pryor and George Carlin. “I think that stand-up is the most difficult and challenging of the arts. You are exposed, all by yourself on the stage. If you don't have the audience laughing, you still have to continue.”

The New York native has been entrenched in the entertainment world ever since his formative years. His father was a legendary figure on the Village arts scene who made his name as a club owner and musician. In 1960, he opened Cafe Feenjon, a popular Middle Eastern nightclub which featured music six nights a week.

For the Dworman clan, music always came first. His father, who passed away in 2004, was a musician, and Noam plays guitar, bass, piano, mandolin — even the oud, which is a multi-stringed instrument popular in Middle Eastern music.

With this kind of musical acumen, a natural question begs: Why comedy?

“It was really an accident,” says Dworman of the establishment of The Comedy Cellar. “We were mainly a music club and we had this empty room. It was in the cellar, a small room. And Bill Grundfest, a comedian and friend of Paul Reiser's who later went on to be the head writer of *Mad About You*, made an offer to my father to have comedy there where they would split the door and the profits from the bar. That's how it started.”

Unlike the meteoric success of The Improv and Catch a Rising Star, Dworman says The Cellar was a “minor room” in its early years.



Dave Chappelle performing at the club.

However, after a self-described explosion of popularity that spiked in the late 90s, The Cellar would ultimately become a must-visit for comedy fans.

Every night of the week, comedy fans have the chance to catch at least two shows at The Cellar. On Fridays, there are five shows at the Macdougall Street and Village Underground venues (The Village Underground is a spin-off that opened right around the street last year.) On Saturday there are six shows. Each show features a showcase style, with five comics typically performing. On any given night, the lineup at The Cellar can read like a Who's Who of the Comedy World. Name any big time comic and chances are they've been by Macdougall Street to do a set — from Chris Rock to Ray Romano to Jerry Seinfeld, who filmed part of his 2002 documentary *Comedian* at the club.

As Dworman notes, despite being surrounded by comedy's biggest stars on a daily basis, there's a lot that goes into running The Cellar.

“It's not glamorous,” says Dworman. “You have to deal with employees. There's making the efforts to comply with state, city government, and federal government inspections. You have to make sure you're in constant compliance with the laws. And then there's answering all of the e-mails sent to the club. I'm involved with every detail of the club. It's the same as managing any restaurant, except we also have comedy.”

When it comes down to it, Dworman says the hardest part of the job isn't marketing or customer service or economics. It's maintaining relationships with the comedians who work his club, such as doing everything possible to help Louis CK when he needs to film his show at The Cellar.

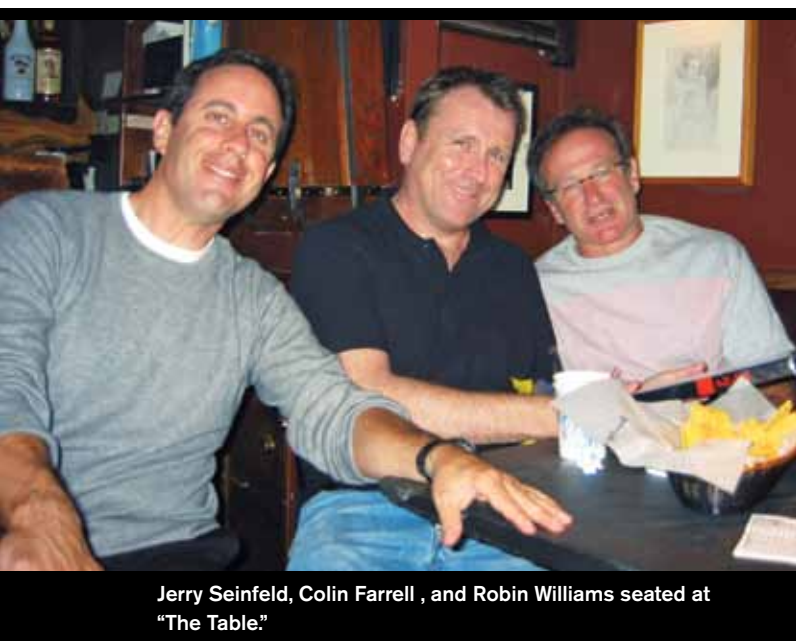
“The biggest challenge is to be a diplomat and produce the best relationship you can with the comedian,” says Dworman.

“It takes a careful mind and a careful mouth. You can never be phony, because they can sniff that out. You have to be gracious.”

When it comes to the competition, Dworman has no shortage of venues he’s up against. From the other New York clubs to music halls and arenas, competing in the comedy business may look daunting to the casual observer. In recent years, a number of clubs have closed across the country, making The Cellar’s continued run of success all the more impressive.

But when asked about his club’s key to success, Dworman says it boils down to necessity and reputation.

“As opposed to music, stand-up requires an audience to



Jerry Seinfeld, Colin Farrell, and Robin Williams seated at “The Table.”

practice,” says Dworman.

“Guys like Seinfeld and Louis CK still need to go to clubs. And comedy will always draw.”

Cellar regular Myq Kaplan is one of those comics, someone who will go to the club even when he’s not performing. The *Last Comic Standing* finalist says that The Cellar is a venue like none other, a by-product of management, comic quality, and consistently great audiences.

“The Comedy Cellar is one of the most prestigious comedy clubs in New York City, the country, and the world, I would say, and deservedly so,” says Kaplan.

“Comics like it because it’s well-run, a great environment for comedy, consistently packed with excellent audiences, and a real fun place to hang with peers, friends, and comedic heroes. They’ve been doing it right for a long time, so it’s a pleasure to perform, watch shows, or just hang out at The Cellar.”

There’s a rather organic quality to The Cellar, says Dworman. He says the room is the right size and has appealing aesthetics, from a low stage to an iconic brick wall, making it the ideal breeding ground for a night of comedy.

Yet there’s one special thing The Cellar offers which no one else can: The Table. In fact, it’s the presence of this table in the upstairs restaurant that many attribute to the Cellar’s level of success, as it draws in big name comics. And, of course, that brings in big crowds.

“The Table has become its own draw,” Dworman says.

A simple looking piece of furniture on the surface, there’s a certain aura to “The Table.” It’s become one of the most well-known parts of the club’s legend. In fact, a podcast named “The Comedy Cellar: Live From the Table” was spawned by this famous gathering spot. And the Comedy Central TV show *Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn* was inspired by discussions of The Table.

“A comedian will do a spot and immediately make his way over there. When Chris Rock comes in, half the time he performs, half the time he just comes to The Table. Gilbert Gottfried will come by once a week just to go to The Table.”

For a lifelong comedy fan, this would appear to be the dream job. On a daily basis, you get the chance to see the greatest comedians in the world perform at your club. While that’s a thrill, Dworman says he gets an even bigger kick from the opportunity to have conversations with some of the greatest comic minds around.

“By far it’s the interaction with comics,” Dworman says of his favorite part of the job.

“I love hanging out with them. They talk about politics, about things going on in the world, whatever topics are hot. The conversations are refreshingly honest.”

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# FCC WATCHDOG

## GOES FROM MAKING WAVES TO MAKING POLICY

*Can Gigi Sohn Keep Both the Internet and Lines of Communication With Industry Open?*

*By Fredda Sacharow*



Once, during her brief and only tenure at a law firm not long after graduation, Gigi Sohn '86 received a request from a partner to write a 25-page memo addressing whether an airline client could hire only white, blonde flight attendants.

"This wasn't exactly the Stone Age," Sohn says wryly, recalling her frustration at having to revisit legal territory that had already been thoroughly mined. "I thought to myself: 'Was this really what I wanted to be doing?' Although law firms serve a very valuable purpose, the work I was doing depressed me — I wanted to do something more with my life, something that would make a difference."

And thus was born a career in public interest law, one whose guiding principle has been both simple and profound: A robust democracy cannot exist without the free flow of information.



Last November, just after he became chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Tom Wheeler tapped Sohn, longtime media-industry watchdog and self-described "communications policy wonk," to serve as his special counsel for external affairs.

The move marked a sharp departure for a woman who had spent the last quarter-century making noise from outside the establishment.

As executive director of the public advocacy law firm Media Access Project, Sohn represented citizens' rights before the

FCC and the courts; later, as president of Public Knowledge, a Washington-based nonprofit, she grappled with intellectual property law and freedom of choice in the digital marketplace.

"The appointment of Sohn is sure to raise eyebrows in some circles," the Los Angeles Times observed when Wheeler's choice was announced. The FCC pick "has been a critic of media consolidation, and her views on copyright protection are often at odds with those of the entertainment industry. She is also an advocate of net neutrality rules that most major cable and telephone broadband providers have fought."

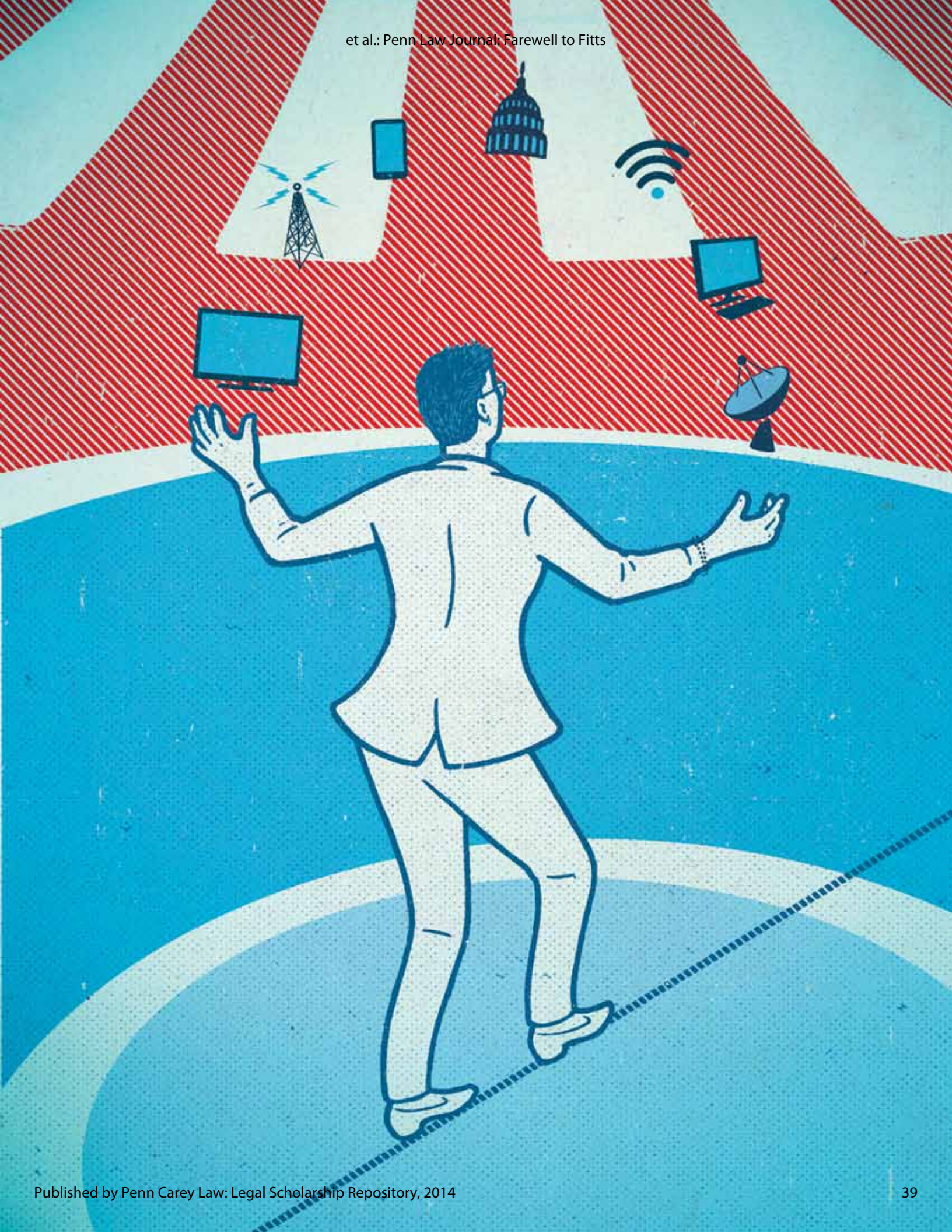
But those who know her argue that Sohn's segue from outside agitator to Washington insider had a decidedly organic feel.

"I wasn't surprised when she went to the FCC," says Andrew Jay Schwartzman '68, L '71, who hired Sohn as a staff attorney for the Media Access Project in 1988 and eventually made her the organization's executive director, a post she held until 1999.

"It was a logical move for her and a wise move on the part of the incoming chairman," Schwartzman says. "It was clear to me that Wheeler wanted to have close relations with the public interest community, and would need someone from that community in his palace guard. Gigi was an obvious choice."

That choice wasn't so always so obvious, Sohn would tell you. Political activism was not hard-wired into her genetic code.

Sure, she remembers as a kid of 5 or 6 sitting with her par-



ents glued to the kitchen radio listening to news of the Vietnam War. But dinnertime conversation ran more to sports than to policy. “We were a news-watching family and a news-listening family for many, many years, but political? Not really,” Sohn says.

At Baldwin High School in Nassau County, N.Y., she played volleyball, basketball, field hockey and softball. The only female and “by far the best athlete” of four siblings, she’d go on to play rugby at Boston University and later at Penn. But a dormant social conscience began stirring, nurtured by writing assignments at BU’s *Daily Free Press* and a growing appreciation for media’s impact on the communal landscape.

A summer clerkship and those two years at a private firm convinced Sohn that although lawyers in private practice play a key role in the nation’s judicial system, that wasn’t where she needed to be.

Working on behalf of the public clearly was.

The job as litigator for the Media Access Project (MAP) was a match made in communications Heaven. Under Schwartzman’s mentorship, Sohn threw herself into the mission of “making the media more democratic in the pre-Internet era,” she says.

“As long as you have incredibly controlling corporations, you have to have diverse viewpoints,” Sohn says. “This is what we fought for — to promote minority and female access, to oppose efforts to consolidate the media. If you didn’t have policies requiring different viewpoints, you’d only have Fox News, with everything reflecting the viewpoint of the owner.”

Schwartzman, now Benton Senior Counselor at the Georgetown Law School, believes Sohn brought to MAP “an energy and a legal excellence that was widely recognized. She was particularly respected for her work on media ownership and diversifying the employment of people with different backgrounds and ethnicities.”

By the time the project folded in 2012, victim of declining funding, Sohn was long gone, lured away by the Ford Foundation to serve as a project specialist in the foundation’s Media, Arts and Culture unit. But her heart remained rooted in advocacy, and when the opportunity arose to launch the entity that would become the advocacy organization Public Knowledge, she was primed.

In 2001, working with co-founders Laurie Racine and David Bollier and operating out of donated space in a tea shop in Washington, Sohn built the nongovernmental organization from the ground up. Its goals were clearly defined: keeping the Internet open and free — free of control by cable companies

such as Comcast and Verizon or by mega Hollywood studios.

Soon the consumer advocate was “going toe-to-toe with multimillion-dollar media outlets.” She was regularly quoted in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal*, and appearing on the Today Show, the McNeil-Lehrer Report and C-SPAN.

But Sohn couldn’t help wondering if she couldn’t be more effective as part of government, rather than a thorn in its side. To be on the inside making policy, not on the outside making waves. So she was ready when Tom Wheeler came calling last fall. And she knew her strengths would translate well in the new venue.

“I’m a major-league extrovert, I’ve always been a good listener, and I have friends on both sides of the aisle,” she says. “Except for two years in philanthropy, I’d spent most of my career criticizing the FCC. But I had a good relationship with the [commission’s] staff, and they always had a great respect for what Public Knowledge did, often calling on us to come in and explain our point of view.”

Indeed, many of the players she’s slugged it out with over the years have had generous words for their fiery foe.

“My relationship with Gigi embodies what is unique about Washington D.C.,” Kyle McSarrow, former president of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association, told the congressional newspaper *The Hill* in 2010. “You can battle it out with a group of people or person, and yet really develop a friendship.”

Similarly, Kathy Brown, a former senior vice president for Verizon who often found herself on opposite sides of the table from Sohn on issues such as network neutrality, lauded Sohn for her fairness and openness to discussion. “Gigi’s one to pick up the phone and say, ‘I want to discuss this,’” Brown said in the same article.



These days, as overseer of external affairs at the FCC, Sohn deals with any matter touching the public. Her portfolio includes planning Wheeler’s outside events and maintaining relations with Capitol Hill and the White House. E-mails and phone calls bounce back and forth with the public interest technology policy organizations she worked closely with for many years, as well as with representatives of Common Cause, the American Civil Liberties Union, civil rights and educational groups, and industry insiders — anybody with a stake in communications and the rules that govern it.

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A controversial \$45 billion acquisition of Time Warner Cable by Comcast — the country’s largest cable and broadband provider — and an agreement between Comcast and the streaming service Netflix are among topics that have consumed Sohn’s days and many of her nights. Much of her work revolves around the concept of net neutrality, subject of a recent federal court ruling that sent the FCC, the telecom industry, public interest groups and the public at large into a frenzy of activity.

When the Web was in its infancy, laws required service providers to allow all websites equal access to bandwidth, no matter how much data they transmitted. But in 2002, the FCC ruled that these service providers should no longer be classified as *telecommunications* services but as *information* services, a distinction that severely limited the ability of government to regulate. In 2010, the FCC adopted rules under this less regulatory framework in an attempt to ensure that the Internet stayed open and fair.

But just months after Sohn reported for duty in her southwest D.C., office, a federal court ruling stemming from a lawsuit originally brought by Verizon invalidated the 2010 rules, essentially ending the long-standing principle of net neutrality and evoking one of Sohn’s darker visions.

“Without net neutrality, an Internet service provider could say to Netflix, for example, we’re going to slow down the quality of your service unless you pay us extra,” she explains. “A provider could slow down or speed up content that it didn’t like; it would essentially be making decisions *for* you.”

Reaction to the suit was swift. Petitions flooded social media sites, urging the FCC to “stop kowtowing to corporate interests and save the open Internet.” A White House blog reaffirmed the administration’s commitment to “a free and open Internet,” while the president himself proclaimed via live video chat that “The Internet is perhaps the most open network in history, and we have to keep it that way.”

For their part, key industry players such as Verizon and Time Warner Cable continued to insist they should be free to

manage their affairs as they please, thank you very much, and pledged to maintain an open Internet providing consumers with competitive choices and unfettered access.

Like a Facebook relationship, obviously, the situation is ... complicated. Sohn spent the weeks immediately following the decision explaining the ruling’s legal nuances to lay people, while her agency scrambled to provide a new framework palatable to all.

When a new set of FCC proposals in late April stoked widespread panic in the media that net neutrality might soon become a thing of the past, Sohn found herself facing pushback from former colleagues outside the FCC — a situation that left her feeling not so much uncomfortable as introspective.

“I’m an advocate at heart, but I believe in the mission of the agency,” she says. “That means I’ve had to switch gears and be a team player, and work toward making policy from the inside. It means I don’t necessarily get my way. It’s been an interesting test for me.”

With its relentless demands, her job is no 9-to-5 undertaking; the very notion makes Sohn laugh. Still, she’s committed to carving out family time at the end of an exhausting day, returning to the urban home she shares with her wife, Lara Ann Ballard, an Army veteran and an attorney with the U.S. State Department, and their 9-year-old daughter Yosselin.

The spouses share a passion for cooking — “I make a mean waffle!” Sohn proclaims — and their house rings with music. Recently, Sohn started taking singing lessons as a counterpoint to the hours parsing the most intricate of regulations, rulings and proposed media mergers.

Meanwhile, a sense of urgency underlies her days at the FCC: Sohn’s boss serves at the pleasure of the president, and a new election looms. Three years, then, to get everything on her agenda done.

What’s ahead for her after that?

“I’m really not thinking about it right now,” Sohn says. “I just started this job 6 months ago, and I plan to be at the FCC until the end of the chairman’s tenure. The only thing I know for sure is that I’ll still be working on behalf of the public.”

FREDDA SACHAROW IS A FORMER EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR AND A FREELANCE WRITER WHOSE WORK HAS APPEARED IN *The New York Times*, *NJBiz*, *THE Jewish Exponent* AND VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS OF RUTGERS AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITIES.

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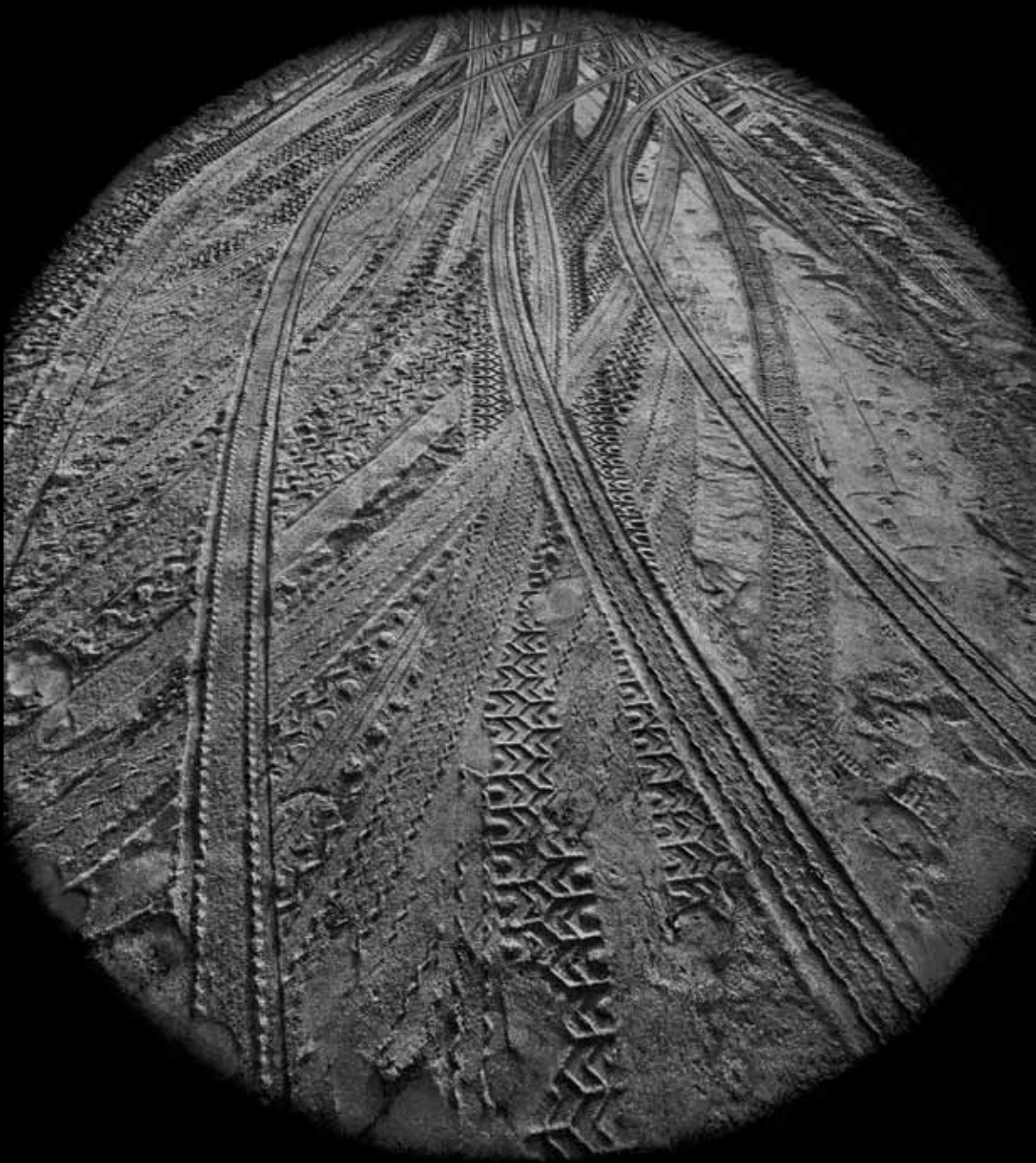


## LENS MASTERS

**RITA BERNSTEIN L'75** began to devote herself to art after a rewarding career as a civil rights lawyer. With two young children at the time, she explored the sorrows as well as the sweetness of family life, and the ambivalence that shadows intimate relationships. Her subjects have often been young people. Rita is interested in the complexities of the human psyche and finds the uninhibited behavior of children a rich source of clues to the personal and social dramas with which we also struggle as adults. Increasingly inspired by materials and process, she began to make mixed media works on handmade paper, which reflect her preoccupation with the imperfect, the messy, the raw, and the vulnerable.

Rita lives and works in Philadelphia and New York. Her work has been featured in exhibitions around the country, from Philadelphia to Houston to Santa Fe. To see more of Rita's work, please go to [www.ritabernstein.com](http://www.ritabernstein.com).





## LENS MASTERS

**SCOTT MEAD** L'82 studied photography under renowned photographers William Eggleston and Emmet Gowin in the mid-1970s. In 2009, several years after leaving his investment banking career, during which photography took a back seat, Scott ventured up into the attic and rediscovered a number of boxes containing his old negatives, prints and large format cameras. He spent a good part of the next year re-immersing himself in photography and has been deeply involved ever since. In September 2010 he had a solo exhibition, "Looking Back" at Hamiltons Gallery, London. Two of his photographs, "Evening Light" and "Untitled", were selected for the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition 2011. "Choices" was selected for the Summer Exhibition 2012 and in 2013 "Waiting" was selected. He was profiled in the BBC Culture Show in connection with his selection in 2012.

His work has been sold at auctions and to collectors in the UK, Europe and the U.S. A series of photographs are currently hanging in Andover, Mass., curated through the Addison Gallery of American Art. Scott is based in London. To see more of Scott's work, please go to [www.scottmeadphotography.co.uk](http://www.scottmeadphotography.co.uk).





# ALUMNI BRIEFS

## 1940s

**Phyllis A. Kravitch L'44**, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit, was honored with a new oak display case that highlights her numerous achievements including the first American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award and the 2011 Atlanta Bar Association Logan E. Bleckley Distinguished Service Award. The case is located on the third floor of the Tuttle Court of Appeals Building in Atlanta.

## 1960s

**Stephen A. Cozen C'61, L'64** was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by *The Legal Intelligencer*. Honorees were recognized for helping to shape the law in Pennsylvania. Steve is the co-founder of Cozen O'Connor PC in Philadelphia.

**Harvey Bartle III L'65**, a federal district court judge sitting on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, is the author of a new book, *Mortals With Tremendous Responsibilities*, a history of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania court starting with its formation by Congress in 1789.

**John M. Desiderio L'66** was appointed a member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department. John was also inducted into the Hall of Fame of Holy Cross High School, located in Flushing, New York, from which he graduated in 1959. John is a partner and chair of the Real

Estate Litigation Group at Adam Leitman Bailey, PC.

**Bill Mogel L'66** was honored by the Energy Bar Association with the presentation of the Paul E. Nordstom Award for exemplary service to the Bar and community. In addition to his private practice, Bill founded and served for 25 years as editor-in-chief of the internationally known Energy Law Journal.

**Norman Pearlstine L'67**, who was editor in chief of *Time Magazine* from 1995 to 2005, has taken on a new role as executive vice president and chief of content at Time, Inc. Norman is moving from Bloomberg LP, where he was chief content officer.

**Michael Sklaroff L'67** was listed in this year's "Who's Who Legal" for the Real Estate Practice area. Michael is a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP in Philadelphia.

**Salvatore M. DeBunda W'65, L'68** has been re-elected to a second three-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which represents owners and trainers of horses that race at Parx Racing. Salvatore is co-managing partner of the Philadelphia office of Archer & Greiner P.C.

**Murray Greenberg C'65, L'68**, the former county attorney of Miami-Dade County, has joined the law firm of Gelber, Schachter & Greenberg as of counsel. Specializing in municipal law, Murray is also a certified mediator and arbitrator, and over the past 40 years has been a member of the adjunct faculty at several law schools, including Florida International

University, St. Thomas University, and the University of Miami.

**Nolan N. Atkinson Jr. GL'69** was honored with the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award during the 26th Annual Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Conference. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated dedication to the legal profession and the minority community through civil, community, or legal service. Nolan has served as the first chief diversity officer of Duane Morris and is chair of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He was also a founder of the Philadelphia Diversity Law Group Inc.

**John F. DePodesta L'69** was announced as chairman of the board of ECMC Group, a nonprofit corporation that provides services to students and schools in support of higher education and funds an educational foundation. As an entrepreneur, lawyer, business executive and fiduciary, John's career has spanned a variety of industries, including telecommunications, transportation, healthcare and education. Throughout his career, he has successfully created, grown and restructured several enterprises, and has served on boards and in governance roles in both the public and private sectors.

**Steven Gottlieb L'69** received the 2013 Charles H. Dorsey Jr. Award from the American Bar Association. The award recognizes exceptional work by a legal aid lawyer. Steve is executive director of Atlanta Legal Aid.

## 1970s

**David Pollack L'72** was listed in this year's "Who's Who Legal" for the Real Estate Practice area. David is a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP in Philadelphia.

**Mark L. Friedman C'70, L'73** was appointed to the board of directors of Banyan Rail Services, Inc. Mark has been a private equity and venture capital investor since 1993. He currently serves as the managing partner of Constellation Investment Partners LLC, a Florida-based merchant banking and special investment firm he co-founded in 2001.

**Reynaldo G. Geronimo GL'73** was appointed by Philippine President Benigno Aquino III as corporate director of the Development Bank of the Philippines.

**Steven Berk L'74** was elected to a second term as chairman of Einstein Healthcare Network's Board of Trustees and its Board of Overseers. He is a partner in the law firm Segal, Berk, Gaines & Liss in Philadelphia.

**Michael L. Browne L'74** was appointed to the board of directors of Aqua America Inc., in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He is president and chief operating officer of Harleysville Insurance.

**H. Ronald Klasko L'74** has been named chair of the EB-5 Investor Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. At the annual meeting of the Mexico City chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association in Bogota, Colombia, he presented "EB-5, Where



are We Now?" Ron has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America 2014" in the area of immigration law.

**Manuel Sanchez L'74** was honored by the Illinois Bar Association with a gala that raised \$435,000 dollars for the Illinois Bar Foundation, which assists lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity. Manny is a partner at Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman LLP in Chicago.

**Thomas D. Rees L'75** has been elected president of the board of Main Line Art Center in Haverford, Pa. He is an attorney at High Swartz LLP, in Norristown, Pa.

**James A. Backstrom L'76** was awarded the Legion of Merit upon his retirement as a Navy Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps, after more than 30 years of commissioned service in the reserves. His 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, D.C.

**Michael P. Malloy L'76** has been appointed director of the Business and Law Research Division of the Athens Institute for Education and Research, for which he recently wrote and delivered a paper, "Core Principals for Effective Banking Supervision: New Concepts and Challenges". Michael also participated as an academic observer at the Seventy-Fourth Plenary Session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management, UN Economic Commission for Europe.

**John A. Terrill II L'76** has been named chairman of the Natural Lands Trust, a nonprofit Media, Pa., land-conservation organization. Mr. Terrill is a Partner at Heckscher, Teillon,

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## HE'S THE MAN WHO BROUGHT YOU 'NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO PLAY OR WIN.'

HIS NAME IS MICHAEL BARKOW L'62, who has carved out a niche doing promotional law for companies sponsoring games, contests and sweepstakes and sports fantasy leagues. "I make sure that the official rules of the game are clear and legally sufficient and contain the necessary disclosures," he said. "It gives the sponsors protection."

In addition to looking at contest language, he provides trademark advice as well as drafts and reviews talent contracts. "If someone wants to run a contest called 'Wheel of Fortune,' that could be trouble," Barkow said.

In his "day job," Barkow serves as counsel for Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, where he also does pro bono asylum work, which resonates with him because he worked as a Peace Corps lawyer in the 1970s.

In 1982, some friends offered him the opportunity to do promotional law. Sensing a winner, he took the offer.

When he started, there were maybe a dozen lawyers in the game.

"A few of us kind of invented the wheel," Barkow said. Much like how lawyers draw upon precedents and opinions, Barkow and others looked at the contest language then in use and modified it. "We began to craft a lot of the language that became standard and is still being used."

Among other classics, he has helped author "void where prohibited", "employees of the sponsor are not eligible to compete" and "taxes are the responsibility of the winners."

The field is much larger now, he said, with the advent and growth of the Internet and social media. The Internet has also aided him in his work – he no longer has to cram rules in tiny print at the bottom of a page.

Barkow has worked for some of America's best-known corporations, including Coca-Cola and Harley-Davidson, usually on behalf of promotional agencies, and advised on promotions for Taylor Swift's most recent album.

"It's kind of fun. It's like show biz."

Terrill & Sager in Conshohocken, Pa.

**Lewis I. Gantman W'74, L'77, PAR'04, PAR'06** was elected to his first term as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Einstein Medical Center Montgomery. He is executive vice president of

Beverage Distribution Center, Inc.

**Bernard Lee L'77** has been named a co-chair of Cozen O'Connor's Real Estate practice group in Philadelphia. His practice areas include real estate development and financing, mixed-use and mixed-finance projects, construction

and architect agreements, and hotel management, acquisition and development. He sits on the firm's Board of Directors, and also currently serves as a member of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

## ALUMNI BRIEFS

**Marvin Benton L'78**, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, retired after 30 years of military service. Marvin is a combat veteran of the war in Afghanistan (2002) and the war in Iraq (2008–2009). Marvin is a two-time recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and is one of the few Army Reserve officers that was selected and that had served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon from 2007–2008. Marvin was an Army parachutist and a graduate of both the Army War College and the Joint Forces Staff College. Marvin is currently employed as a senior attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VI in Dallas.

**James E. Nevels L'78, WG'78**, chairman and founder of The Swarthmore Group in Philadelphia, was appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Board of Directors. Jim is also chairman of the board of The Hershey Company and serves on the boards of the Hershey Trust Company, the Milton Hershey School, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

**Gary J. Newell L'78** joined Jennings, Strouss & Salmon in its Washington, D.C., office. His practice is in energy law, focused on regulatory and contract issues affecting both suppliers and purchasers of wholesale electricity and bulk power transmission, natural gas and nuclear power.

**Pamela Daley L'79** was elected to the Board of Directors of BlackRock, Inc. Pam recently retired as senior vice president of corporate business development at the General Electric Company. Previously, she was a partner of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where she specialized in domestic and cross-border tax-oriented financings and commercial transactions.

**Albert S. Dandridge III GL'79**, vice chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has joined the board of directors of Play On, Philly!, a tuition-free after-school program that uses music education to help develop the skills necessary for students to succeed in life. Albert is an attorney at Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis LLP, and chair of the firm's Securities Practice Group and chief diversity officer.

**Gerald "Jerry" McHugh L'79** has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Jerry is a partner at Raynes McCarty in Philadelphia. A recognized authority on tort law, Jerry has practiced complex civil litigation for the past three decades.

**Jeremy D. Mishkin L'79** has been appointed a trustee of the Philadelphia Chapter of The Awesome Foundation. The Foundation distributes a series of monthly \$1,000 grants to projects and their creators with no strings attached and no claims to ownership over the projects that it supports. Jeremy is a partner in Montgomery McCracken's Philadelphia office.

**Robert C. Schneider L'79, WG'79** was selected one of the "2013 Top-Rated Lawyers in Health Law" by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell.

## 1980s

**Steven N. Cousins L'80**, an Armstrong Teasdale partner, received the 2013 Trailblazer Award from 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis during the organization's 23rd Annual Black Tie Gala Celebration. Steven was recognized for his service to the community and his commitment to uplift and empower area youth.

**Reginald Jackson L'80** has been included on the 2014 "Ohio Super Lawyers" list in *Super Lawyers Magazine*. The list distinguishes the top five percent of attorneys in Ohio in more than 70 practice areas, and recognizes those who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Reginald works in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights law at the firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP.

**Alan M. Sandals L'80**, principal of Sandals & Associates P.C., was appointed to the board of directors of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia.

**Francine Friedman Griesing L'81** is pleased to announce that her firm, Griesing Law LLC, has been named 2013 Law Firm MVP by the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms ("NAMWOLF"). Her firm was recognized for its outstanding achievement in furthering NAMWOLF's mission of promoting diversity and inclusion by fostering the relationship between preeminent minority and women-owned law firms and corporations and public entities. Francine is managing member of Griesing Law.

**Jeffrey D. Lobach L'81** has been named managing partner of the Lancaster, Pa.-based law firm Barley Snyder LLP. He will oversee the firm's operations and long-term planning effective next year.

**Susan J. Onuma L'81** has joined Ingram Yuzek as a partner and will serve as chair of the firm's Asia Practice Group. Susan has extensive experience advising public and privately-held foreign organizations doing business in the United States.

**Kevin L. McKnight W'79, L'82** was promoted to chief sustainability officer and vice president of EHS at Alcoa, a leading company in the aluminum industry. Kevin has worked at Alcoa in varying capacities for 30 years.

**Philip Andrew Miscimarra L'82, WG'82** was sworn in as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Philip had been a partner in the Labor and Employment Group of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

**Michael Saslaw L'82**, one of the leading corporate lawyers in Dallas, has joined Vinson & Elkins as a partner. Michael's practice includes mergers and acquisitions, private equity and general corporate counseling and governance, and his experience spans a variety of industries, including energy and infrastructure, technology, retail, consumer products, media/telecomm and manufacturing. Michael joins V&E from Weil, Gotshal & Manges, where he was a partner for 15 years.

**Mark S. Stewart L'82** has been named to serve as chair of the advisory board of Students Run Philly Style, a Philadelphia nonprofit that offers marathon training to help young people succeed in life. Stewart is an attorney and chair of Ballard Spahr.

**Evan Aidman L'83** presented a webinar on December 18, 2013, entitled "Winning Personal Injury Cases in Arbitration." Evan also was named to the editorial board of *Verdict Magazine*, a monthly law publication published by the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

**John G. Chou L'84**, executive vice president and general counsel of AmerisourceBergen Corporation, was honored by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund at the 2014 Justice in Action Awards. The awards recognize





exceptional individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions in advancing justice and equality.

**Scott E. Friedman GL'84**, managing partner of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP, recently released a book aimed at helping family businesses through the power of positive psychology. In addition, Scott has recently established a family business consulting firm called Next Gen Advisors LLC.

**Patrick W. Kelley GL'84** has been named general counsel for the FBI. Kelley served for 21 years in the U.S. Navy as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps before joining the FBI in 1994.

**Ronald P. Schiller L'84** was named vice-chair of Hangle, Aronchick, Segal, Pudlin & Schiller. Ron was chair of the firm's Insurance Litigation Practice Group. Since joining the firm in 2009, he has represented the world's largest insurers in sophisticated coverage, bad faith, and reinsurance disputes.

**John S. Summers L'84** was named chair of the Reinvestment Fund, a nonprofit that has arranged grants, loans and other subsidies and incentives for development projects in Philadelphia's aging industrial and rowhouse neighborhoods. John is shareholder at Hangle, Aronchick, Segal, Pudlin & Schiller.

**Francois Vergne GL'84** became a partner in the Labor and Employment Law practice of Gide in Paris. Francois was previously with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius where he had been practicing as a Paris-based labor and employment law partner since June 2004.

**David L. Hall L'85, G'85** has joined Wiggin and Dana in the firm's Philadelphia office. David will be a member of the firm's Litigation Department, including the Defense, OFAC, and Export Compliance Group, the White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group, and the Art Law and Museum Practice Group.

**Henry S. Hoberman C'82, L'85** was appointed vice president and general counsel of A+E Networks, a global media content company. Henry will oversee all the legal and business affairs teams at A+E Networks.

**Clifford D. Schlesinger W'81, L'85, PAR'13** was elected to a second term as chairman of the Einstein Physician Services Board of Trustees. He is a managing director in the Strategic Wealth Advisory Team of Goldman Sachs.

**John Henry Hepp IV L'86**, associate professor of history at Wilkes University and co-chairman of the division of global history and languages, published two new essays, "Streetcars" and "Public Transportation," in the *Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*. These entries are the final installment in a series of five articles on transportation that the editors engaged John to write last year.

**Brian T. Kelly L'86**, a veteran prosecutor who was part of the team that won a conviction against notorious gangster James "Whitey" Bulger, has resigned from the US attorney's office to become a partner in at the prominent Boston law firm Nixon Peabody LLP. Brian will be a partner in the firm's Government Investigations and White Collar Defense practice.

**Richard L. Gabriel L'87** will receive the Denver Bar Association's 2014 Award of Merit, which recognizes outstanding service and contributions to the DBA and legal profession, or services rendered in the interest of the improvement of the administration of justice. Richard is a judge in the Colorado Court of Appeals.

**William S. Koenig L'87** has been promoted to president of global media distribution of the NBA. Bill joined the NBA in 1990 and for the past seven years, has served as NBA executive vice president, business affairs and general counsel, where he was the head of business affairs and responsible for all legal work across a variety of league businesses including digital, television, media, sponsorship, and licensing.

**Jonathan H. Newman L'87** has been appointed by Governor Tom Corbett to a three-year term on the Horse Racing Commission. Jonathan is chairman and CEO of Newman Wine, one of the country's leading wine broker/importers. He is former chairman of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

**Michael Smerconish L'87** will join CNN as host of a new weekly program that will air live on Saturday mornings from New York. Most recently, Michael was an MSNBC contributor and for the last four years served as guest-host for *Hardball with Chris Matthews*. He will continue hosting his radio show *The Michael Smerconish Program* on SiriusXM Radio and writing a weekly column for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

**Lisa J. Sotto L'87** has been named to *The National Law Journal's* "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America" list. Lisa is head of the Global Privacy and Data Security Practice at Hunton & Williams LLP, in New York, where she is a managing partner.

**Michael J. Yelnosky L'87** was named the dean of Roger Williams University School of Law. In his previous administrative role as associate dean, Yelnosky was instrumental in leading the law school's successful effort to gain membership in the prestigious Association of American Law Schools. He also designed and conducted annual studies of the scholarly output of the faculties of most American law schools, which documented the achievements of the faculty at Roger Williams and garnered national attention. He was named distinguished service professor of law in 2011.

**Abbe F. Fletman L'88**, a shareholder at Flaster Greenberg PC, has been selected by *The Legal Intelligencer* to receive the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award. Abbe, along with Women's Law Project, recently successfully obtained a preliminary injunction requiring Line Mountain School District in Herndon, PA, to allow a seventh-grade girl to participate in the Line Mountain all-male wrestling program.

**John P. Groarke L'88** was sworn in as mission director to Haiti by the U.S. Agency for International Development. As mission director, John will oversee USAID's programs in infrastructure and energy, food and economic security, health and other basic services, and rule of law and governance.



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.

## ALUMNI BRIEFS

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# THE REWARDS OF ELDER LAW

AT THE END OF A CASE, HOWARD KROOKS L'89 received something much more rewarding than another tally in the win column – he received hugs from the family he had just helped.

Krooks assisted a family whose father had multiple sclerosis. Due to his efforts, the family received more financial support from Medicaid than is normally provided. The way Krooks felt after that case spurred him to become an elder law attorney.

“There’s a gratification in elder law that you can’t get in something like corporate securities,” Krooks said. “This transcends a law degree and going to work every day. These are real people with real problems.”

Krooks is a partner of Elder Law Associates PA in Florida and of counsel to Amoroso & Amoroso LLP in New York. His areas of focus are estate planning and guardianship. Krooks is president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), whose members also represent people with disabilities. Krooks said people increasingly need advice due to the complexity of the issues involved.

“Government programs are becoming more complicated. The layperson has no way of putting the pieces of the puzzle together,” Krooks said. “Many people can get close with the Internet, but there isn’t one place where all of these different things can be brought together other than in an elder lawyer’s head.”

NAELA has 4,500 members, but Krooks suspects there are many more elder law attorneys.

“With the demographics of the aging population, I suspect the need for elder lawyers will continue to grow,” Krooks said.

**Richard T. Hamilton Jr. GL'88** has joined the Cleveland office of Ulmer & Berne LLP after spending the bulk of his 20-plus-year legal career as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division and, most recently, with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio.

**Leo E. Strine Jr. L'88** was sworn in last February as Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court. Leo is the former head of the state’s Chancery Court. He previously served as counsel to former Delaware Gov. Thomas R. Carper.

**Craig Foster Turet L'88** has been named as a partner at Curtin & Heefner LLP in its Morrisville, Pa., office.

**Dean E. Weisgold C'85, L'88** was recognized by Philadelphia VIP as volunteer of the month. Dean is the principal attorney at the firm he founded in 1999, Dean E. Weisgold PC. He specializes in real estate legislation and tort defense.

**Penny Conly Ellison L'89** was elected to the board of directors of the Forum of Executive Women, a Fort Washington, Pa., women’s leadership organization.

**Robert F. Hoyt G'89, L'89** was appointed to group general counsel at Barclays PLC. Bob joins Barclays from PNC Financial Services Group, where he was general counsel and chief regulatory affairs officer, having previously served as deputy general counsel since 2009. Previously, he held roles in public service as general counsel at the U.S. Department of the Treasury from 2006 to 2009, and as special assistant and associate counsel at the White House.

**Taras Peter Kihiczak L'89** has been reappointed to the California Law Revision Commission. Taras has been a lawyer and shareholder at The Kick Law Firm APC, since 1991.

**Maria Pabon Lopez L'89**, dean of Loyola Law School in New Orleans, has been named a 2013 Woman of the Year by New Orleans City Business. Maria is a member of the board of the New Orleans Opera Association and of Puentes New Orleans, a nonprofit organization supporting the inclusion of Latinos in public, political and socio-economic life, and serves on the Diversity Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

**J. Denny Shupe L'89** has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Denny is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis LLP.

**Susan Marie Spaeth L'89** has been announced as managing partner at Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton LLP. Susan focuses her legal practice on intellectual property and complex and technical litigation, particularly patent litigation, licensing, and counseling.

## 1990s

**Wifredo A. Ferrer L'90** was appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to serve a two-year term on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee. Wifredo was sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida on May 4, 2010. He previously served as an assistant county attorney and as chief of the Federal Litigation Section in the Miami-Dade County’s Attorney’s Office from 2006 to 2010.



**Kathryn B. Thomson L'90** was nominated by President Obama to serve as the Transportation Department's general counsel. Kathryn has served as acting counsel since May and as the chief counsel of the FAA since January 2012. Kathryn was an adviser to former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood from 2009 to 2012.

**Michael Araten L'91**, chief executive of K'nex Brands L.P., is trying to help reduce the United States' trade deficit with China. His company's decision to bring back most of its toy manufacturing from China resulted in a thank-you visit from President Obama last November.

**Sarah M. Bricknell L'91** has been appointed to the New Jersey Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. She is a partner and assistant general counsel at Duane Morris LLP, Philadelphia, where she practices in the areas of professional and business ethics and professional liability litigation.

**Matthew A. Caffrey L'91** is the new chairman of the board of trustees of Lawrence General Hospital. A trial attorney, Matthew has a law firm in Andover, Mass. Prior to establishing his local practice in 1994, he was an associate of the Boston firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C., in its litigation and environmental sections.

**Andrew Cooper L'91** has joined Hansucker Goodstein PC in its Washington, D.C., office. Andrew has practiced in the area of environmental law for more than 22 years, focusing on transactions, compliance counseling, and litigation, advising clients as purchasers, sellers, lenders, and borrowers.

**Suzanne S. Mayes L'91** was elected as vice president of the Forum of Executive Women, a Fort Washington, Pa., women's leadership organization.

**Doretta Massardo McGinnis L'91** and **Ned Luce L'92** have founded Admission Logic LLC, an independent educational consulting practice offering college admission counseling and pre-law advising services.

**Joseph H. Shaulson W'87, L'91, WG91** was appointed president and CEO of Metabolix, Inc. Joseph was previously executive vice president of Arch Chemicals. He has nearly 20 years of experience as a senior executive with mid-sized specialty chemicals and advanced materials companies and as a corporate lawyer specializing in corporate development and corporate finance transactions.

**A. Allison Amadia L'92** was appointed vice president and general counsel of Extreme Networks, Inc. She will oversee the company's legal practice and serve as secretary of the company.

**Robert L. Honig L'92** was promoted to principal in the New York office of the international engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti. Robert has more than 20 years of legal experience, including 15 years of experience in architecture, engineering and construction law.

**Patricia Biswanger C'78, L'93** was named to the board of the Chester County (Pa.) SPCA. Patricia is a member of the Palmarella Curry law firm, and is assistant Delaware County solicitor and an associate professor at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Rachel Anne Ekery L'93** joined Alexander, Dubose & Townsend, an internationally recognized appellate boutique law firm with offices in Austin, Dallas, and Houston. Rachel was staff attorney for Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson.

**Wendy Ferber W'87, L'93** has been named one of New Jersey's "2014 Best 50 Women in Business." Ferber is the co-CEO and co-owner of Pride Products Distributors, a distributor of promotional products and corporate gifts.

**Clint Edward Odom L'93** was named policy commissioner for Jessica Rosenworcel, a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Clint had been deputy legislative director for U.S. Senator Bill Nelson of Florida.

**Richard Paul Pasquier L'93**, assistant general counsel at FMC Corp., was appointed to the board of directors of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia.

**Christina A. Swarns L'93**, director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and interim director of litigation, has been chosen as an honorary fellow at Penn Law. The fellowship honors lawyers who have made significant contributions to the ends of justice at the cost of great personal risk and sacrifice, and the award seeks to inspire Penn students to emulate these men and women.

**Jeffrey P. Wallack L'93**, a partner in the Wisler Pearlstine LLP, Commercial Litigation and Construction Law departments, was a featured speaker in Philadelphia at a National Business Institute seminar on "Voir Dire and Jury Selection." As part of a five person panel, Jeffrey's lectures focused on "the art of asking the right questions" and the cutting-edge topic of "social media use" in connection with modern trial practice.

**F. Scott Kieff L'94** was sworn in as a commissioner of the U.S. International Trade Commission. He had been a professor at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., since 2009.

**Jeffrey A. Weissman L'94** has been named a 2014 Family Law Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America®, which is the oldest peer review guide to the legal profession worldwide. Jeffrey works at Gladstone & Weissman, P.A. in Florida, which specializes exclusively in the discreet handling of complex divorce and related family law matters.

**Bill Green L'95** was named chair of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission. He had been a councilman at large in Philadelphia.

**Scott M. Lempert L'95** was named to the board of the Support Center for Child Advocates, a Philadelphia pro bono legal organization that represents children who are abused, neglected or abandoned.

**Daniel Boockvar C'93, L'96** has been appointed chief customer officer at Girl Scouts of the USA, one of the largest youth serving organizations in the nation. Daniel had been senior vice president of U.S. operations at Weight Watchers International.

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**Farah M. Jimenez C'90, L'96** has been named to the Philadelphia School Reform Commission by Pennsylvania governor Tom Corbett. Since 2010, Jimenez has served as the president and CEO of the People's Emergency Center, a comprehensive social services agency that serves women and children experiencing homelessness, as well as the larger West Philadelphia community.

**Mark A. Solovy L'96** joined Monroe Capital LLC as a managing director. Mark was a managing director at Hercules Technology Growth Capital in the firm's Palo Alto and Chicago offices. Mark has more than 15 years of private equity, venture capital and investment banking experience in the technology industry.

**Michael Isaac Davidson G'97, L'97** was appointed to the board of the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations trade group. He is an attorney with Fineman, Krekstein & Harris PC.

**Priscilla J. Mattison L'97**, of counsel to Bernard M. Resnick, Esq., P.C., gave a guest lecture on legal issues pertaining to concert touring in the U.S. as part of the course "Navigating Artists through the Entertainment Industry" offered by Southwestern Law School's "Entertainment and Media Law LL.M. Online" program. She also co-authored the articles "An Overview of Synchronization Licenses" and "An Overview of Master Use Licenses: Film and Television Uses", which were published in the International Association of Entertainment Lawyers 2014 publication, "Licensing of Music – from BC to AD (Before the Change / After Digital)."

**Jonathan Ain L'98** was selected as a 2013 New York Metro Rising Star by Super Lawyers. Jonathan, who was recognized by his peers for his mergers and acquisition work, regularly advises private investment and hedge funds, as well as public and private companies, on a wide range of corporate and securities matters.

**Lauren DeBruicker L'98** has been appointed chair of the board of directors at Inglis, a foundation that enables people with disabilities, and those who care for them, to achieve their goals and live life to the fullest.

**Candace Toll Aaron '99** has taken on a new role at GE Capital – chief compliance officer for the company's vendor, distribution & equipment financing businesses. She will be moving to Dallas after less than two years in Chicago.

**Noah Axler L'99, CGS'06** was named a Pennsylvania SuperLawyer for 2014. He also published an e-book titled *It's Not Elementary: The Mistakes of Sherlock Holmes*. Noah is the principal of Noah Axler LLC.

**Anne L. Benedict L'99** was appointed as chief legal officer at Summit Materials. Prior to joining Summit, Anne was a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of global law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, where her practice involved a wide range of corporate law matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other strategic transactions, securities offerings, securities regulation and disclosure issues, and corporate governance matters.

**Patrick T. Gartland L'99** has become a partner in the firm of Corbally, Gartland & Rappleyea LLP. He was previously an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP and a partner at Luskin, Stern & Eisler LLP and Hughes, Hubbard & Reed LLP in New York City.

**Christopher Mora L'99**, a commander in the Navy JAG Corps, received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the NATO Medal following his combat deployment to Afghanistan as the chief international and operational law advisor to NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, during which he traveled throughout the war zone to train soldiers on the Law of War and Rules of Engagement. In November 2013, he completed his active duty service and was named general counsel for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture.

**Jeremy S. Rosof C'96, L'99** has been selected by *Super Lawyers* for inclusion in its "New York Metro Rising Stars" list for 2013. The list is comprised of the top up-and-coming New York attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or have been in practice for fewer than 10 years. Jeremy is of counsel at Shaub, Ahmuty, Citrin & Spratt, LLP, in Lake Success, New York.

**Teena-Ann V. Sankoorikal L'99** participated in the National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association in conjunction with the 24th Annual Convention of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association held in Washington, D.C., where she spoke on "Breaking Barriers—Women and the Law." Teena-Ann is a partner in the litigation department at Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

**Jed Silversmith L'99** joined Blank Rome's Philadelphia office as counsel in the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations group. He will be focusing on civil and criminal tax controversy matters. Jed was previously with the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division's Southern Criminal Enforcement Section.

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**Tyler B. Korn L'00**, who practices tax law in Florida and New York, recently received the Irving and Cherna Moskowitz Award from the Zionist Organization of America at its 115th Annual Justice Brandeis Award Dinner in New York City.

**Mark J. Fiore L'02** joined Facebook, Inc., as associate general counsel of intellectual property. Mark was previously in the Intellectual Property/Media practice in the New York office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

**John Oberdiek L'02, GR'03** will become acting dean at Rutgers School of Law-Camden in July. John was named the school's first vice dean in 2012. He is a noted scholar in the areas of legal philosophy and tort law.

**Kenneth L. Racowski L'02** has joined Wilson Elser as of counsel in the firm's commercial litigation practice. Kenneth joins Wilson Elser from Morgan Lewis, where he handled bet-the-company litigation for Fortune 500 clients.



#### Gonzalo Soto GL'02

recently co-founded Wiener, Soto & Caparrós, a full-service law firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions and cross-border investment. The firm, which brings together U.S. and Argentine attorneys, delivers legal services throughout Latin America from an office based in Buenos Aires. Gonzalo maintains his focus on the consumer product industry, representing the region's largest Coca-Cola bottler and the licensees of such international brands as Heineken and Budweiser.

**Tara D. Elliott L'03**, a principal in the Wilmington office of the firm Fish & Richardson, was named to the 12th annual "Women Worth Watching" list in Profiles in *Diversity Journal*. Tara is a trial court and appellate advocate. She serves as a member of Fish's Diversity Committee, which develops, implements, and oversees a range of diversity initiatives and activities.

**Eric L. Johnson L'03** was named counsel in Andrews Kurth LLP's Dallas office. Eric, who serves in the Texas House of Representatives, has joined the firm's Public Law section.

**Sarah R. Katz L'03** began teaching and supervising at Temple University's Family Law Litigation Clinic, housed in the Temple Legal Aid Office. Prior to her arrival at Temple, Katz was a supervising attorney in the Family Advocacy Unit at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia.

**Anthony Mazzarelli GR'03, L'03** was appointed chief medical officer at Cooper University Health Care in Camden, N.J. Anthony, a physician, attorney, and bioethicist, had been senior vice president of Operations and deputy chief medical officer.

**Atif I. Azher GR'04, L'04** has been elected partner at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP.

**Matthew D. Levitt L'04**, of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo PC, has been named to the 2014 Boston's Future Leaders class by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. The year-long program aims to "identify the leaders of tomorrow and engage them in the business and civic life of our community by providing a platform for professional development and significant opportunities for growth and exposure."

**Alva C. Mather L'04** was named counsel at Hangley, Aronchick, Segal, Pudlin & Schiller LLP, in Philadelphia.

**Manuel M. Rodriguez L'04** was promoted to partner at the Miami law firm Avila, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mena & Ferri LLP. Manuel focuses on corporate mergers and acquisitions, commercial financing, and lending, including cross-border transactions.

**Joseph A. Sena Jr. L'04** has joined the Campbell Soup Company as associate marketing counsel. Joe's practice broadly covers advertising and marketing law issues with a particular emphasis on children's advertising, promotions, and privacy law.

**Javier A. Alvarez L'05** was promoted to partner at the Miami law firm Avila, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mena & Ferri LLP. Javier concentrates his practice in the representation of financial institutions and businesses in a range of transactional, regulatory, and compliance matters.

**Gregory J. Babcock L'05** has joined Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, as associate counsel.

**Julie P. Bookbinder ENG'02, L'05** was promoted to of counsel at Greenberg Traurig LLP, in New York. Julie focuses her practice on patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret litigation, patent prosecution, and non-litigation enforcement of trademarks and copyrights.

**Jonathan Goldstein C'93, L'05** had an article published in the *Philadelphia Lawyer Magazine* about gun rights. Jonathan is vice president and managing director of legal solutions at Pangea3, a Thomson Reuters company.

**Daniel J. Howley L'05** has been promoted to the position of special counsel at the Washington, D.C., office of Cadwalader, Wickersham, & Taft LLP, a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations. Daniel counsels clients on antitrust matters, including litigation, mergers and acquisitions, and investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

**Rose E. Isard L'05** has been named senior associate at Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney PC, in Philadelphia. Rose was previously with Blank Rome LLP.

**Emily Brooke Nestler C'00, L'05** was recently promoted to of counsel in the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP in the firm's litigation department. Her practice focuses on cross-border disputes, legal professional liability defense, and patent litigation.

**Robert M. Palumbos L'05** was promoted to partner at Duane Morris LLP, in Philadelphia.

**Scott E. Swenson L'05** has been elected partner at Connolly Gallagher LLP. Scott focuses his practice on estate planning and administration, and estate and trust litigation. He has practiced with Connolly Gallagher since its inception in 2012.

**David A. Castleman L'06** was named to the "Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40" list by the National LGBT Bar Association. David is an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, in New York.

**Lauren A. Fox L'06** was named counsel at Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney PC, in Philadelphia. Lauren was previously with Blank Rome LLP.

**Craig A. Phillips L'06** has been promoted to counsel at Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP. Craig is in the Tax Department in New York. He advises corporate and private equity fund clients on federal income tax matters related to domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, dispositions, spinoffs and other strategic transactions.

**Geoff Bauer L'07** and his wife Elena are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Henry Doran Bauer, on Sept. 16, 2013. Geoff was also named counsel at Pzena Investment Management, LLC, in New York.

**Kristina Caggiano L'07** was married on April 12 to Ian Kelly, an architect. The wedding ceremony was held at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. and was officiated by the Hon. Sharon Prost. Kristina clerked for Judge Prost.

**Jonathan M. Dunsay, C'94, ENG'94, L'07** has joined Volpe and Koenig PC, as an associate. Jonathan had been a patent-litigation associate at Greenberg Traurig LLP, in New York.

## ALUMNI BRIEFS

**Diana Elkind C'03, L'07** and her husband Chad Maron had their first child on Oct. 16, 2013. The baby boy was named Nikolai Alexander Elkind-Maron.

**JoAnne Mulder Nagjee L'07** was named a tax partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis. Her practice focuses on all aspects of tax controversies, including IRS audits, IRS appeals and litigation. She also advises clients on the tax aspects of complex business transactions.

**Ben O'Glasser L'07** became an associate at Bullard Law. Ben is an experienced litigator who began his career as a prosecutor. At Bullard, Ben advises public and private sector clients in employment and labor matters, including federal and state employment litigation.

**Erin (Talati) Paquette L'07** married Michael Paquette in Boston on Dec. 7. She finished her fellowship at Children's Hospital Boston in June and is now an attending physician in pediatric critical care at Ann and Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and an instructor in pediatrics at Northwestern University.

**Becky Crouse Reina L'07** and her husband **Dave Reina L'07** had their second child, Abigail Holden Reina, on July 12, 2013. Her older brother has managed to not injure her yet and seems to like her. Dave is an associate in the Washington, D.C., Real Estate Group at Hogan Lovells LLP. Becky is a stay-at-home mom.

**Mark A. Weinroth L'07** has joined the University of Miami as assistant general counsel in the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel.

**Nermeen S. Arastu L'08** has joined the CUNY School of Law's Immigrant and Non-Citizen Rights Clinic as a clinical law professor and supervising attorney. Prior to joining CUNY Law's faculty, Nermeen was a litigation associate at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP, and a staff attorney at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

**Chris Haaf L'09** has joined the Winston-Salem office of Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton as an associate on the appellate and complex business litigation teams. Prior to joining the firm, Chris served as a law clerk to Judge Dolores K. Sloviter of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Kate Barth L'10** has recently moved to Delhi in India to join Lawyers Collective, a NGO focusing on health and human rights issues.

**Alejandro Billinghurst GL'10** has been hired as BASF Argentina's in house counsel. BASF is the world's leading chemical company, with approximately 110,000 employees and close to 385 production sites worldwide. Alejandro will be responsible for providing legal counsel to different units in BASF Argentina.

**Matthew Cushing L'10** married Margot Kaminski on May 25, 2013. A number of Penn alumni from all over the country attended the wedding. In the fall, he and Margot are moving to Columbus, Ohio, where Margot will be starting a job as a professor at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law. Matt will be working in the Ohio Solicitor General's office as the 2014–2015 Simon Karas Fellow. He will have the opportunity to argue cases before the Ohio Supreme Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of Ohio's attorney general.

**Rachel Flipse L'10** is taking a break from the practice of law to travel the world for a year with her husband Brian. Rachel had been working in the litigation department of Gibson Dunn in San Francisco the last three years.

**Wei Li GL'08, L'10** and her husband, Tianyu Jiang, are happy to announce that their first child, Wenda Jiang, was born on August 23. He weighed a healthy 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Wei recently joined Simpson Thatcher's M&A group in Hong Kong.

**Keshet (Shenkar) Starr L'10** gave birth to a baby boy, Moshe Mark Starr, on Dec. 24. Mom, dad, and big sister Eliana were thrilled to meet him.

**Asra Syed L'10** joined the New York office of Arent Fox LLP, where she practices complex commercial litigation.

**Kevin Yeh L'10** is serving as a clerk for Judge William H. Orrick of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, in San Francisco. He had been a trial attorney for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Catherine Zack L'10** has left the practice of law to pursue a career in health and wellness. She has become the wellness director at Flow Yoga Center in Washington, D.C. She leads meditation workshops, teaches yoga, and provides health and lifestyle coaching.

**Federico Lasconi GL'10, GL'11** has joined Banca d'Italia, the Central Bank of Italy, as a junior lawyer and has been assigned to the Supervisory Regulations and Policies Department. His responsibilities include drawing up proposals for the governing board and implementing strategy guidelines on regulations, supervisory methods, and international cooperation.

**John J. Rolecki L'11, GR'11** has joined Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn LLP as an attorney in its Litigation Department. He will be located in the firm's Detroit office. John will assist with commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining Honigman, he was an associate at Fox Rothschild LLP in New York.

**Le Zhou GL'11** and his wife Maggie Guo welcomed baby Alexander Zhou to their family on August 4, 2013.

**Nathaniel L. Koonce C'07, L'12**, an associate at Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young LLP, has been appointed to the Philadelphia County Regional Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania. For more than 100 years, the organization's mission has been to provide children facing adversity with professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships.

**Kirsten Boreen L'13** has announced her engagement to Christopher Liedl. The couple plan to be married in August. Kirsten is currently a law clerk at the Connecticut Supreme Court. She and her husband will join the Boston law firm of Ropes & Gray as associates.

**Conor M. McNally L'13** joined the health-care department of Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel LLP, in its Philadelphia office.



**WALTER Y. ANTHONY JR. W'43, L'48**, Philadelphia-area lawyer and active churchgoer, died on October 10 at age 91.

Mr. Anthony enlisted in the Navy and married Jean Baker in 1943 after graduating from the Wharton School. The couple would be married for 67 years. Mr. Anthony attained the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade). After his time in the Navy, Mr. Anthony attended Penn Law.

He remained in Philadelphia to begin his career, practicing law in the city until 1972, when he moved to the suburbs to start his own firm. He continued at his own firm for more than 20 years, retiring in 1993. His two sons, Richard and Robert, practiced with him at his Rosemont, Pa., office.

Mr. Anthony and his wife were active members at Bala Cynwyd Methodist Church, and later at the Church of the Savior. There, Mr. Anthony served on various boards and committees. He was also president of the Philadelphia Council of Churches and the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council.

He is survived by his sister Josephine; son Richard; daughters Joyce and Linda; grandchildren Scott, David, Paul, Laura, Michael, Ross, and Kristin; and great-grandchild Trevor. He was predeceased by his wife Jean; his brother Blair; and son Robert.

**ALBERT REYNOLDS BEAL L'58**, an Army veteran and lawyer, died on July 17 at age 83.

Mr. Beal earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard University before attending Penn Law. After law school, he served in the Army as a second lieutenant in the Korean War, earning the Korean Service Medal, the U.N. Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He began his legal career at Krusen, Evans & Byrne in Philadelphia. He went on to serve as interim counsel to the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, head of the legal department at the Buckeye Pipeline Co., and assistant general counsel at the Philadelphia Electric Co. before retiring in 2000 as a legal cost consultant for Legal-gard, a legal cost control consulting firm.

A longtime resident of Chestnut Hill, Mr. Beal was an active member of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where he participated in the Stephen Ministry program, a one-on-one caregiving ministry.

He wrote and published book and film reviews and took part in the Great Books program. He was also an avid sailor.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann Beal; sons Albert R. Beal, Bryan M. Beal, and Michael Luk; daughters Nell West and Helene Manley Beal; his sister Venie Darling; and two

grandchildren. A sister, Mary Beal Wendell, preceded him in death.

**ROBERT F. BLANCK L'52** died on January 16 at age 87. He was a lawyer and longtime trustee of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Mr. Blanck was a trustee at the time of his death, and served as board chair from 1976 to 2003. He also worked for the law offices of Schubert, Gallagher, Tyler&Mulcahey. His areas of focus were estates, real estate, tax law, and assisting nonprofits.

Born in Philadelphia and raised outside Reading, Mr. Blanck graduated from Wilson High School. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1949 after a tour in the Air Force. Even though he decided not to enroll in the seminary, his faith continued to play a big role in his life.

He served as a seminary trustee for more than 40 years. From 1982 to 1987, he was treasurer for the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). He was on the executive board of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods of the LCA, and he served as president of Trinity Lutheran Church from 1966 to 1993.

Mr. Blanck loved watching sports, especially the Phillies. He spent time with his grandchildren, and had a fondness for classical music.

Mr. Blanck was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Steel. He is survived by daughter Meredith S. Marando-Blanck; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**JOHN H. CHRISTMAN L'53** died on July 11 at age 84. He was a vice president of security for Macy's West.

Mr. Christman graduated from Muhlenberg College and Penn Law before entering the US Army. He served for three years during the Korean War as a special agent of the US Army Counter Intelligence Corps. He married Jane Stevens while on active duty in Hawaii. After his Army discharge in 1953, he was appointed a civilian special agent of the Office of Naval Intelligence and was also appointed an Ensign in the Naval Reserve.

After holding several executive positions, Mr. Christman accepted a job as vice president of security for Macy's West — a position he held for 22 years until his retirement. He served on the National Retail Federation's Security Board of Directors for 12 years, and also served as president of Northern California Chief Special Agent's Association. In 1977 he was board certified as a security management professional and in 2007 was inducted into NRF's Loss Prevention Ring of Excellence, honoring outstanding Loss Prevention leaders who shaped the

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industry.

Mr. Christman co-authored three security books; the latest, published in 2008, was “Retail Crime, Security and Loss Prevention-An Encyclopedic Reference,” considered the most complete reference on Retail Security.

He enjoyed both photography and firearms/shooting sports as hobbies as well as foreign travel with his wife. Mr. Christman is survived by his wife Jane; sons Robert and Mark; daughter Lauri Saffon; and his sister Julia Zinsmeister.

**FREDERIC W. CLARK L'68**, a Philadelphia lawyer and nephew of the late politician Nelson A. Rockefeller, died at age 74 on November 6.

Mr. Clark worked for 37 years at Ballard Spahr in the Real Estate, Development, Energy, and Project Finance Department. He retired in 2006.

At Harvard University, from which Mr. Clark graduated in 1961, he rowed on the crew for Lowell House, wrote for the Harvard Crimson, and was a member of the Fly Club. After graduating, he served in the Navy for four years.

Mr. Clark served as a volunteer board member for the Philadelphia City Institute and the Widows Corp., a nonprofit that supports the families of Episcopal clergy. He also served as president of the board of Historic Rittenhouse Town. An enthusiastic gardener, he was on the boards of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Bartram's Garden.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, the former Virginia Bradley. He is also survived by son Ned; daughter Allison; and four grandchildren.

**LEON EHRLICH C'40, L'47** died on November 27 at age 93. He was an attorney at Ehrlich & Ehrlich.

Mr. Ehrlich is survived by his wife Elizabeth Coldblatt, and his children Nancy and William.

**THEODORE EISENBERG L'72**, a prolific scholar at Cornell who clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, died on February 23. He was 66.

Mr. Eisenberg founded the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies during the course of his 33-year career at Cornell, where his areas of scholarship included empirical legal studies, bankruptcy, civil rights, and the death penalty.

After graduating from law school, he clerked for the District of Columbia Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals as well as for Earl Warren. After three years in private practice in New York

City, he began teaching in 1977 at the University of California, Los Angeles, and joined Cornell Law School as a professor in 1981.

Mr. Eisenberg authored or co-authored more than 125 scholarly articles and writings, editing or contributing to more than 20 books.

He held visiting professorships at Harvard, Stanford, Turin, Haifa, and Tel Aviv universities, and was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in addition to earning numerous fellowships, grants and awards. He also served on more than 25 editorial boards and outside committees.

Mr. Eisenberg is survived by his wife, Lisa; children Katherine, Annie, and Tommy; and two grandchildren.

**WILLIAM S. EISENHART, JR., L'40**, who during World War II worked on the Manhattan Project to develop the atomic bomb, died on Feb. 17. He was 100 years old. Mr. Eisenhart served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946. He returned to his lifelong home in York, Pa., after the war. He maintained an estate and wills law practice for more than 70 years, retiring at age 99.

He was deeply involved in his community, having served as past president of the York Foundation, York County Council of Social Agencies, York County Bar Association, Rotary Club of York, and the York County Estate Planning Council. Mr. Eisenhart also was council president of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. In addition, he was a former trustee and director of York Hospital; York YMCA and YWCA; Gettysburg College; Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary; LCA Pension Board; Historical Society of York County; Lutheran Social Services, South Region; Children's Home of York; Easter Seal Society; York County SPCA; the former York County Academy; and the York Suburban School District.

Mr. Eisenhart is survived by a son, Christopher C. Eisenhart, Jr. of York. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Hazel; two sons, William S. Eisenhart, III, and John J. Eisenhart; a brother, Forry Eisenhart; and two sisters, Susan Schilling and Lucy Eisenhart.

**ARTHUR J. ENGLAND JR. W'55, L'61**, a former chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court and the creator of the first IOLTA program in the United States, died on August 1 at age 80.

After serving in the Army's Counter-Intelligence Corps for two years, Mr. England was elected to the Florida Supreme Court in 1975, serving as a justice until 1981. He was chief justice from 1978 to 1980. During this time, he authored Florida's



Corporate Income Tax Code, the 1973 Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act — known as the “Little FTC Act” — and the Florida Administrative Procedures Act. However, he was most proud of establishing the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) in Florida. The country’s first IOLTA program, it has since been adopted by every state and the District of Columbia.

After leaving the bench, Mr. England spent the bulk of his legal career at Greenberg Traurig, where he founded and co-chaired the National Appellate Practice. He was a contributor to the Miami Herald op-ed page, and he was active in Jewish causes, including the Anti-Defamation League, and was a past president of Temple Israel in Tallahassee.

Mr. England earned many honors over his illustrious career, most notably being named a “Legal Legend” in 2008 by Miami-Dade’s Eleventh Judicial Circuit Historical Society Board. He was also awarded the Florida Bar Foundation’s Medal of Honor.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Deborah Miller England; daughters Andrea England, Karen England, Rachel England, Ellen Morag, and Pamela Rogers; and son Aaron England. He had four daughters with Morley “Dee Dee” England, from whom he was divorced.

**HENRY BURK FITZPATRICK JR. L’56**, died on October 29 at age 83. He was most recently chief attorney for the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline.

He began his law practice with Raymond J. Broderick. In 1961, he was made a partner with the law firm Broderick, Schubert & FitzPatrick. In 1972, the firm became Liebert, Short, FitzPatrick & Lavin. In 1988, with his colleague Marcy Tanker, he formed the firm of FitzPatrick & Tanker. He worked there until 1997, when he was appointed chief staff attorney for the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline, then in its infancy. He never retired.

Mr. FitzPatrick was a member of Merion Golf Club, a supporter of Villanova Wildcats athletics, and a founding member of the Caesar Rodney Society, which brought together movers and shakers for conversation and good cheer. He read avidly and collected books.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army in July 1952. He is survived by Patricia Geatz, his wife of 62 years; sons Henry Burk III, Brian I., Brendan A., Norman G., and Cornelius R.; daughters Patricia F. Donlon, Siobhan M., Catherine M., Kiera F. Werner, and Colleen F. Markey; a brother; a sister; and 18 grandchildren.

**WILLIAM F. GIEG L’68** died on November 27 at age 73. He was an attorney at McGuire, Woods & Battle in Richmond, Va. Mr. Gieg graduated from Yale University with a degree in engineering in 1962. He went to work for Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., designing water cooling systems for nuclear submarines. He married Gretchen Tiffany in 1964. Seeking a change from engineering, Bill returned to school, this time at Penn Law. He joined McGuire, Woods & Battle out of law school and stayed until his retirement in 2010.

A lifelong sailor, Mr. Gieg was a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club and was actively involved with the sailing community. In 1985, he and several close friends went on a father-son Atlantic passage, which Mr. Gieg said was a highlight of his life. He used his sailing skills to become a volunteer with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, achieving the rank of coxswain last year.

Mr. Gieg is survived by his daughter Jennifer; son David; grandchildren Katherine Clark, Lindsey Margaret, and Patrick William; sister Durga Smallen; brothers Todd and Chuck; step-mother Edith Gieg; nephew Dwayne Smallen; Gretchen Hensel; and longtime friend Dianna Morely.

**BERNARD J. GOODHEART W’52, L’55** the judge who played Cupid to hundreds of couples by marrying them in his City Hall courtroom on Valentine’s Day, died on March 4 at the age of 83.

On Feb. 14, 1977, a confused couple wandered into Judge Goodheart’s courtroom asking for a judge to help them tie the knot. His staff turned them away, but during a break in testimony, Judge Goodheart invited the two back so that he could marry them.

The idea caught on, and for the next 23 years, Judge Goodheart presided over an estimated 500 weddings in a courtroom decked with hearts and flowers. Interest in the annual event was so high that the judge had to limit the participants to 24 couples per Valentine’s Day. Each received advice on how to be a good spouse, and a certificate dated Feb. 14 with a red, heart-shaped sticker.

He served on the court from 1976 until 2005. He had been a senior judge the last five years. He was known for his skill in settling disputes. In 1983, he resolved a transit strike that had crippled the city for several months. Several years later, he threw out an \$11 million libel suit filed by former Mayor Frank L. Rizzo against the Welcomat, a weekly newspaper that had published a piece comparing Rizzo to Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Gov. George C. Wallace, U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy, and State Sen. Milton Street.

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A Philadelphia native, the judge was the son of immigrants from Eastern Europe. The family name was Guthartz, or "good heart" in Yiddish. Nathan, the judge's father, changed it to Goodheart when he became a U.S. citizen in 1927. From 1958 through 1965, he was an assistant district attorney in the major crimes unit, serving under Philadelphia District Attorneys Victor Hugo Blanc and James C. Crumlish Jr.

Among Judge Goodheart's honors were the first annual President Judge's Award "for extraordinary service to the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania" and a citation from the Philadelphia Bar Association for 50 years of service. Mayor John F. Street also presented him with the Philadelphia Bowl in 2005. After retiring from the bench, Judge Goodheart worked as an arbitrator and mediator in private practice. He taught and mentored young judges and lawyers. In his spare time, Judge Goodheart enjoyed painting, traveling, gardening, winemaking, and cooking. He especially liked to pickle green tomatoes and cucumbers from his garden, using an old family recipe.

Judge Goodheart is survived by his sons Adam, Harry, and Mark; his former wife of 30 years, the former Harriet Kaufman; a brother; and two granddaughters.

**THE HON. D. DONALD JAMIESON W'47, L'50**, former chairman of the Philadelphia Republican City Committee and head of the Court of Common Pleas, died on Dec. 15. He was 87.

Judge Jamieson began his career as an assistant United States attorney before going into private practice. In 1965, he was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas and was elected unanimously as the court's president judge in 1970. He worked to reform the court system and received numerous awards in recognition of his efforts, including the American Judicature Society's Herbert Harley Award and the Good Government Award from the Committee of Seventy.

In 1975, Judge Jamieson retired from the bench to become executive vice president of First Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Company, and in 1977, he returned to the private practice of law as a named partner at Mesirov, Gelman, Jaffe, Cramer & Jamieson, where he chaired the litigation department.

Judge Jamieson was an active civic leader. He served as president of the Citizens Crime Commission of Philadelphia, chairman of the board of Shriners Hospital for Children and chairman of the board of directors of Frankford Hospital. He was also a member of the advisory board to the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Commission to Preserve Legal Services for All. Additionally, he

served as chairman of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Commission, as chairman of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Judicial Code Committee and as a member of the board of directors of the Defenders Association of Philadelphia.

During the Korean War, he served as a captain in the United States Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps and received the Bronze Star for his service. He is survived by his wife Nannette; children Douglas and Hepburn; grandson Jones Jamieson Barry; and son-in-law Jon Barry.

**GREGORY D. KEENEY L'71**, of Merion Station, Pa., died December 14 at the age of 67.

Mr. Keeney was an avid reader and enjoyed crossroad puzzles. He also loved following and attending all of his grandsons' athletic events.

Mr. Keeney is survived by his wife Judith Wellington; his sons David J Keeney, Ralph Wellington, and Jeffrey Wellington; his daughter Heather Balsley; his grandchildren Sloan and Jane Balsey and Cole and Ryan Wellington; and his siblings Marcia Keeney, Mark Keeney, and Patty Coblentz.

**JACOB S. KOLB W'40, L'48** died on January 11 at age 94. A World War II veteran, he had a hospital wing named for him in Bethlehem, Pa., where he practiced law for 62 years.

Mr. Kolb trained in the Army ROTC unit at Penn and during World War II served as Captain of the 111th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division, in the Pacific Theatre. His responsibilities included combat training in demolitions and jungle warfare. He was awarded the bronze star for his service.

He served as president of the Northampton County Bar Association and was a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

For more than 30 years he had been a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. He sang with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem for several years and remained a faithful supporter of the choir thereafter. He was one of the founders of the Muhlenberg Medical Center in 1957 and served as president and chairman of the board of trustees for many years. In recognition of his many years of devoted service, the new emergency room and outpatient wing was dedicated and named in his honor.

Mr. Kolb was predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Mary Catherine, and by a son, John, in 2006. He is survived by a daughter, Jane KolbFlorenz and husband Paul; son Matthew Jacob Kolb and wife Deborah; son Mark William Kolb and wife Mary; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**LEROY S. MAXWELL L'39**, an attorney at law in Pennsylvania for 62 years, died on October 13 at age 98.

A lifelong resident of Waynesboro, Pa., Mr. Maxwell served Franklin County as its district attorney from 1944 to 1948. His son, Leroy S. Maxwell Jr. L'66, was his law partner from 1969 until his retirement in 2002.

Mr. Maxwell graduated from Juniata College. He served as president of the Juniata College's National Alumni Association president from 1953 to 1954, a trustee of the College for 14 years and since 1981 a trustee emeritus. In 1981 the College honored he and his wife with the Alumni Service Award. He also served as a director of First National Bank and Trust Co., in Waynesboro, and as a director of First National Bank of Blue Ridge Summit. In addition, he was a Waynesboro Hospital board member from 1953 until 1983 and its president from 1955 until 1963.

He was a member of the Board of Renfrew Museum and Park from its inception in 1973 until 1991, when he became a director emeritus. He served on the boards of Waynesboro Motor Club, Waynesboro Chapter of American Red Cross, Memorial Park Association, Green Hill Cemetery Association, and Waynesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce, serving as its first president.

Mr. Maxwell is survived by his daughter Ann K. Maxwell; son LeRoy S. "Tucker" Maxwell Jr.; three grandsons; two granddaughters; and nine great-grandchildren.

**HARVEY M. MITNICK W'56, L'59**, a trial attorney for more than 50 years and former president of the Camden County Bar Association, died on March 3 at age 79.

Mr. Mitnick practiced primarily in Haddonfield, N.J. He began his legal career with a clerkship in 1960 with the Hon. Samuel L. Supnick. In recent years he was the senior partner of Mitnick, Josselson, DePersia and Baker.

In addition to the Bar Association, Mr. Mitnick spent 10 years on the District IV Ethics Committee, including two years as chairman, and served two terms on the Camden County Judicial Appointments Committee, his second term as chairman. He also was chairman of the first Camden County Inns of Court Program in the 1980's and was a bar panelist for many years for both the civil and matrimonial divisions. He served for more than a decade on the Bench Bar, Civil Practice, Family Law and Memorial committees. In 1981, he was chairman of Camden County Model Bar Program. In 1998, he was nominated The Professional Lawyer of the Year by the Camden County Bar

Association and was subsequently awarded the Peter Devine Award in 2010 for his distinguished service.

Mr. Mitnick served six months in the Army National Guard and six years in the Reserves and was awarded an Honorable Discharge on April 30, 1965.

He was an avid sportsman, playing softball, tennis, and golf until his sudden passing, as well as continuing his Saturday tradition at the racetrack.

Mr. Mitnick is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol; sons Craig and Scott; and grandchildren Dylan, Alana, Cameron, and Blake.

**JUNE D. OLDHAM L'80**, an attorney in Indiana, died on September 11 at age 59. She is survived by her sisters Annie Sadler, Norma Florence, Sylvia Oldham and Shirley Russell, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**CAROLINE RAIEVSKI GL'84**, an author and wife of Francois Vergne GL'84, died on December 26 at age 53 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Ms. Raievski met Mr. Vergne in 1983 when both were students at Penn Law. The couple lived in France, where Mr. Vergne currently works.

Along with her husband, Ms. Raievski is also survived by sons Dimitri and Thomas.

**MARVIN SCHWARTZ CCC'48, L'49**, a preeminent securities lawyer who argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, died at his home in Goshen, Conn., on Wednesday, February 19th. He was 91.

Mr. Schwartz practiced law at Sullivan & Cromwell throughout his career, serving as a partner from 1960 to 1992. He litigated some of the most complex and important securities law issues of his time. At Sullivan & Cromwell, he is remembered not only as a brilliant leader of the bar, but a wonderful colleague, devoted to the firm and its lawyers, and as a mentor to generations of litigators who are grateful for his guidance and generosity.

He served in the Army Signal Corps in World War II. After graduating from Penn Law, he clerked for Judge Herbert F. Goodrich of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and for Justice Harold Burton of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Schwartz was a former member of Penn Law's Board of Overseers and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Joyce; his chil-

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dren Daniel and Pamela; and his four grandchildren, David, Morgan, Aisha and Arianna. His eldest child John died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

**MORRIS H. SHEER C'33, L'36**, former member of the Narberth (Pa.) Borough Council and member of the Union League of Philadelphia for more than 60 years, died on January 11. He was 101 years old.

During World War II, Mr. Sheer worked as an FBI agent in counter-espionage.

He subsequently became a lifetime member of the Society of Former Special Agents. He later worked as a civil attorney well into his 80s, most notably with Erskine, Barbieri, and Sheer and with Sheer and Mazzocone.

Mr. Sheer became a member of the Narberth Borough Council in 1956, serving as its vice president in 1970-71. He then served as borough solicitor until 1994.

He was a proprietary member of the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor, serving as longtime chairman of the board. He enjoyed boating and fishing in South Jersey waters with family and friends, especially deep-sea marlin tournaments.

Mr. Sheer was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Jeanne. He is survived by son Dennis; grandson Michael; and two great-grandchildren.

**ANDREW E. TASLITZ L'81**, a professor at Howard University and the Washington College of Law at American University, died on Feb. 10 at age 57.

Mr. Taslitz taught for 23 years at Howard before moving on to American, where he taught for two years. He was recently included in the Harvard University Press list, "What the Best Law Teachers Do." He was among 26 teachers on the list, which is created via nominations from students.

After graduating from Penn Law, Mr. Taslitz joined the law firm of Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis. He served as a prosecutor in numerous criminal cases and was the sole attorney in charge of juvenile rape prosecutions. He then became an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia under Ed Rendell in 1983. Mr. Taslitz moved on to become a loved and respected teacher. He began at Villanova University in 1988, teaching a course in legal writing. He was also a visiting professor at Duke University and the University of Pittsburgh. He then spent the rest of his teaching career at Howard and American.

He was a member of the Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers Association, where he represented women pro bono in domestic-relations matters. He was also a member of the Support Center

for Child Advocates. There, he acted as a guardian for abused children and represented them in court.

Mr. Taslitz is survived by his wife Patricia Sun, whom he met at Penn and married in 1981. He is also survived by a sister, Ellen Duncan.

**JACK L. VAN BAALEN L'55** died on October 27 at age 83. He was a professor of law at the University of Wyoming for 19 years.

Mr. Van Baalen began his career as a corporate attorney at Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen in Philadelphia. In 1974, he took a position as professor of law at the University of Wyoming, where he taught contracts and commercial paper law.

He had a deep love of home and family. His love of Wyoming was expressed through the hours he spent in the mountains skiing, backpacking, and horseback riding, as well as his active involvement in local and national environmental efforts.

Mr. Van Baalen is survived by children, Jeffrey, Meg, Annette, and Jim; and grandchildren, Gwen and Jacob Van Baalen, Sam and Abigail Wood, and Joshua and Jalynn Van Baalen.

**WILLIAM H. G. WARNER L'46** died on August 13 at age 95. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy during WWII, and after military service was a lawyer for more than 50 years.

Mr. Warner graduated from Haverford College in 1939 and went into service with the Navy on the USS Weeden. Following law school, he worked at Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Co. and Studley Shubert Investment Co., prior to moving to Mt. Gretna, Pa., where he opened a law practice and taught at Lebanon Valley College.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association for more than 50 years and the Lebanon County Bar Association, where he headed and promoted the Lebanon County Bar Association Pro Bono Division. He was a member and past president of the former Mt. Gretna Rotary Club, where he was active many years in the Student Exchange Program. He was a member of the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church.

Mr. Warner is survived by daughters Melissa B. Warner and Betsy Rubinoff; and grandchildren, Nicholas Grier Rubinoff, Leah R. Rubinoff, Alec R. Rubinoff and Ethan C. Rubinoff. He was preceded in death by a brother, Douglass D. Warner.

**HERBERT R. WEIMAN SR. C'47, L'57**, who helped enact a new divorce code in Pennsylvania, died on Nov. 4 at the age of 88.

Mr. Weiman practiced law in Philadelphia for more than 50 years. He specialized in family law, maintaining two law

practices in the city. He chaired the Family Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and retired in 2012 at age 87.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Navy from 1943 to 1946, and was honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant. His duties included serving as aide to the chief defense counsel at the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal in Japan. He was called back into service in 1952 and sent to Korea, where he was a special services officer. He investigated damage to boats for the Military Sea Transport Service. For his contributions, he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two stars.

Mr. Weiman was also interested in the theater. He became a principal actor with the theater wing of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He acted in an original play staged by the Wilma Theater in Philadelphia and also appeared onstage for the National Repertory Theater and Plays for Living.

He appeared as an extra in the movies *Witness* and *Trading Places*.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth; three sons, Jonathan, Max, and Edward; and 13 grandchildren.

**HOWARD A. WIENER W'53, L'56**, the founding partner of Wiener & Wiener LLP, died on August 9 at age 81.

He was a past president of the Lehigh County Bar Association, the Allentown Jewish Community Center, Berkleigh Country Club, and the Frenchman's Creek Property Owners' Association. He also served on the Board of Temple Beth El.

Mr. Wiener was a lifelong avid golfer and recently had a hole in one at Frenchman's Creek Country Club in Florida. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Barbara "Bobbe" Wiener; sons Joel and Stephen; daughter Suzanne Diamond; and grandchildren Jessica, Michael, Melissa, Joshua, Benjamin, Ruby and Eliza. He was predeceased by sisters Marjorie W. Schoff and Claire W. Salitsky.

**THOMAS E. WOOD L'66**, a lawyer in the Philadelphia area for 40 years, died on October 21 at age 74.

Mr. Wood grew up in California, where he met showbiz notables through his father's vaudeville band, the California Collegians. He came east to attend Amherst College, where he met Sally Ann Schultz, whom he married after graduating in 1961.

On graduating from Penn Law in 1966, he joined Drinker, Biddle & Wreath, where he practiced corporate and securities law for more than 40 years. He was instrumental in opening and managing the firm's Berwyn office.

Mr. Wood served on the boards of Turner Investments Inc., an investment advisory firm, and Vertex Inc., a software com-

pany. He volunteered for Easttown Township and was a member and former chair of the zoning hearing board. He also was a trustee of the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr. He was known as a voracious reader, an insatiable ice cream eater, and a gifted writer and poet. He loved to sail, hike, and do the Saturday *New York Times* puzzle in ink.

Along with his wife Sally, Mr. Wood is survived by daughters Julia W. DeVuono and Melissa W. Brewster, and six grandchildren.

**SIDNEY T. YATES C'51, L'54**, a lawyer from Upper Makefield Township, Pa. who worked with schools, local governments, and lending institutions, died September 10 at age 84.

In 1956, Mr. Yates joined the law firm of William R. Stuckert in Newtown Borough and shortly afterward became managing partner of the renamed Stuckert & Yates. The firm has been in business for many years, with Mr. Yates at the helm for half a century.

Mr. Yates was a founding member of the board of directors of St. Mary Medical Center and was still on the St. Mary Hospital Authority Board at the time of his death. He was the vice chairman and a board member of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Newtown for three decades. He also was a director of Newtown Savings Association for many years.

In addition, Mr. Yates was a past president of the Newtown Rotary Club and recipient of its Man of the Year Award; he served as secretary of the Upper Makefield Township Planning Commission; and chaired the Newtown Tri-Centennial Committee. He was a director of Twining Services Corp., which managed Twining Village, a senior community in Holland, Bucks County, for many years. He served as chairman of the board of Pickering Manor Home, a senior facility in Newtown, and helped in its expansion. Mr. Yates also served on the board of directors of the A. Marlyn Moyer Scholarship Fund and the Keith-Jefferson Scholarship Fund. For more than 30 years, he chaired a fund-raising breakfast in Newtown to benefit the Bucks County Boy Scouts.

Mr. Yates is survived by his sister Helen Y. Matthews; his brother Taylor A. Yates; four nephews; a niece; and friend Charles J. Yeager.



### Spring Fling

**MOST DAYS, LAW SCHOOL AIN'T BEANBAG.** But on a fine spring day students took a break from the books to play Cornhole, a lawn game which awards participants three points for bags in the hole and one point for landing on the platform. First team or player to reach 21 points wins. It's easier than Bar exams, but not by much.



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