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With this issue of the *Northwestern Law Reporter*, we describe several of the great accomplishments of our community members – students, faculty, and alumni. To be sure, this *Reporter* is not an encyclopedia. For a comprehensive depiction of the vital contributions and activities of Northwestern Law, you would do well to cast your gaze widely. Mainstream and social media (including my blog, *Word on the Streeterville*, and the various Twitter feeds highlighting Northwestern Law initiatives) paint a fuller picture.

Two themes emerge from a close reading of this issue: One is the extraordinary global reach of our faculty and students. The globalization of legal practice and the justice imperatives across the developing world call upon creative energy and institutional commitment. You will see in the pages that follow myriad examples of Northwestern Law community members hard at work at significant educational and public service ventures around the world. As we continue to develop our strategic plan, and craft specific steps to implement its bold objectives, you can be assured that the global reach and impact of our law school will grow and take a richer shape.

Another theme is reflected in the fun artwork on the cover and the stories within, and that is the great programs and initiatives involving law and entrepreneurship. Our students are inventors and creators, visionaries and risk-takers. Built into the culture of our innovative Law School is a distinctly entrepreneurial spirit. With established and new programs in the entrepreneurial space, we are leveraging the assets of our gifted, diverse, experienced students and also the ingenuity of our talented faculty to map out a distinctive place in the world of top law schools. Our curriculum, projects, and institutional culture will reinforce this identity – indeed, it will become a clear aspect of the Northwestern Law Difference.

Communication with our alumni and friends will continue to take many forms. This *Reporter* is one contribution to this engagement. But communication is, of course, a two-way street. I look forward to hearing your input and advice. Please reach out whenever and however you wish. Northwestern Law School is moving ahead with vigor and vision. And I am ever grateful for your support.

Daniel B. Rodriguez
Dean and Harold Washington Professor
Honoring a Legend

Friends, Colleagues, and Fellow Alumni Establish Endowment to Create Newton N. Minow Professorship

Wanting to do something nice for a man like Newton N. Minow (JD ’50) is one thing, but figuring out what it should be is more complicated. Or so a group of his friends and associates thought, until they realized that he didn’t have an endowed chair at his alma mater, Northwestern University School of Law. So a small cadre of friends and partners from his law firm set out to make it happen. Within weeks they not only had the gifts they needed to establish the professorship, they had enough to also create the Newton N. Minow Debates, which will bring together outside experts, law school faculty, and students to debate important and timely legal topics.

On the evening of April 9, 2014, Minow and his wife, Jo Minow, headed to Sidley Austin’s Chicago office for what they thought was a reception for Sidley partners, but when they arrived and saw so many of their close friends and his fellow Northwestern Trustees, they quickly realized that this event was something different. Then Charles Douglas (BA ’70) rose and addressed the group, thanking Minow for his many contributions to legal education and practice, and announcing the creation of the Newton N. Minow Professorship at Northwestern Law.

Minow earned his bachelor’s degree in 1949 and his JD in 1950, both from Northwestern. He joined the University’s Board of Trustees in 1975, became a Life Trustee in 1987, and currently is the Walter Annenberg Professor Emeritus. Minow is also senior counsel at Sidley Austin, where he was partner from 1965 to 1991.

Appointed by President John F. Kennedy to the Federal Communications Commission in the early 1960s, Minow drafted legislation that expanded the broadcast spectrum and promoted the implementation of communication satellite technology. In 1961, while serving as Federal Communications Commission chairman, Minow referred to television as a “vast wasteland” in a landmark speech still remembered today.

Minow is a former chair of the Public Broadcasting Service, past co-chair of the 1976 and 1980 presidential debates, and vice chair of the Commission on Presidential Debates. He is one of the originators of the televised presidential debates, which inspired the idea to honor his legacy with a permanent debate program at his alma mater.

“Newt’s contributions to public and civic life in the United States, the practice of law and the intellectual life of the law school are beyond measure,” said Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez. “He is also a friend and mentor to many generations of lawyers. I am delighted that his friends, fellow alumni, and Sidley colleagues have chosen to honor him with a named professorship here at Northwestern Law, and that we are able to recognize Newt’s legacy by hosting the Minow Debates for years to come.”
Former US Attorney Delivers Pope & John Lecture

Students, faculty, and alumni gathered in Lincoln Hall last September 17 to hear esteemed trial lawyer, investigator, and former US attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald discuss the complex issues prosecutors face when questioning terror suspects in situations of perceived imminent threat.


Currently a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Fitzgerald specializes in internal investigations, government enforcement matters, and civil litigation. Prior to joining Skadden in 2012, he served as the US attorney for the Northern District of Illinois for more than a decade—the longest-serving US attorney in Chicago.

As US attorney, Fitzgerald led many high-profile investigations and prosecutions, including the corruption convictions of former Illinois governors George Ryan and Rod Blagojevich and the fraud conviction of media mogul Conrad Black. He also led the investigation in the Valerie Plame matter and tried the case of United States v. Lewis “Scooter” Libby.

The 2013 Pope & John Lecture was the 23rd since the Chicago firm Pope & John Ltd. established the lecture series at Northwestern Law in 1991. Administered by the Bartlit Center for Trial Advocacy, these lectures focus on the many dimensions of a lawyer’s professional responsibility, including legal ethics, public service, professional civility, pro bono representation, and standards of conduct.

Durbin Delivers Keynote at ‘Guns in America’ Symposium

United States Senator Dick Durbin discussed the gun lobby during his keynote address at the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology’s 2014 symposium, “Guns in America,” which was held February 7 in Lincoln Hall.

Durbin talked about the gun lobby’s opposition to new and existing firearms regulations and about efforts to curb gun violence since the Sandy Hook tragedy. He also outlined reasonable, legal, and constitutional steps that might reduce such violence.

The symposium featured an opening address by Northwestern Law professor James Lindgren as well as a panel of distinguished experts who explored the tension between Second Amendment rights and public safety concerns as well as how legislatures can and should respond to gun violence. The panelists were Cook County sheriff Tom Dart, McDonald v. Chicago plaintiff’s attorney David Sigale, University of Chicago criminologists Jens Ludwig and Harold Pollack, and Northwestern Law clinicians Stephanie Kollmann and Dominique Nong.

The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology is a student-run publication that was begun in 1910. The JCLC strives to capture the breadth and depth of legal scholarship on crime through symposia and the publication of legal articles, criminological research, and book reviews. The most widely cited criminal law journal, it is read by judges, legal scholars, criminologists, and other practitioners and has the second-largest subscription base of all the nation’s law journals.
Van Zandt Portrait Unveiled

Northwestern Law alumni, faculty, staff, and students attended the unveiling of the official portrait of former dean David E. Van Zandt at a ceremony last November. Van Zandt attended with his wife, Lisa Huestis, a former clinical associate professor at the Law School.

The ceremony paid tribute to Van Zandt’s 15-year legacy as dean and included remarks from current dean Daniel B. Rodriguez, former University president Henry Bienen, Law School associate dean of administration and finance Rita Winters, and Van Zandt himself.

Van Zandt joined the Northwestern Law faculty in 1985 and had the second-longest tenure as dean in the school’s history, serving from 1995 to 2010. He left Northwestern to become president of the New School in New York City.

As dean, Van Zandt changed the face of Northwestern Law by launching academic programs, elevating and diversifying faculty and student recruitment, and changing the scope of Northwestern Law’s global and international visibility—all with an eye on the fluctuating needs of employers. The school’s 1998 Strategic Plan focused on improving research capabilities and reaching out to employers to understand what law graduates need to succeed. Updating and expanding the plan, Van Zandt led the design and implementation of “Plan 2008: Preparing Great Leaders for the Changing World,” an initiative to ensure that graduates have the competency range to succeed in the changing global marketplace. Also under his leadership, the faculty grew by more than 40 percent, including widely recognized clinical and practitioner faculty, and became more diverse and skilled, with more than 50 percent of research-intensive faculty holding PhDs in related disciplines.

Painted by John Boyd Martin, Van Zandt’s portrait will hang in Lowden Hall with the series of oil portraits of former Northwestern Law deans.
Neil Bluhm said, “When I was in my early teens, a friend of the family—an African American man—was wrongfully accused of a crime because of his race.” He went to court with his mother every day of that trial and watched as a lawyer proved that our friend was innocent.

This early, transformative experience demonstrated the power of lawyers to do good in the world. It made an indelible impression on Bluhm. So his decision to go to law school didn’t come as a big surprise to his family.

“Before I went to law school, I was a numbers guy—an accountant. At Northwestern Law I learned how to analyze arguments and how to write. It broadened my horizons considerably,” he said. “I had an early interest in tax law, because I saw that as a good way to earn a living.”

While a student at the Law School, Bluhm had the opportunity to work for the summer at the Justice Department, in the Tax Division, in the Summer Law Intern Program. “Except for college, it was the first time I had been away from home, and it was a heady time to be in Washington, DC. Bobby Kennedy was the attorney general, John F. Kennedy was the President. The Civil Rights movement was gaining momentum, and there was a tremendous feeling of optimism around that. My time in DC expanded my interest in civil rights and social justice, even though I didn’t go into that kind of practice.”

Following his graduation from Northwestern Law, Bluhm began his remarkable and distinguished career at Chicago law firm Mayer, Brown, and Platt, where...
he went on to become a partner. He later cofounded JMB Realty Corporation, which became a major commercial real estate investment firm that owns, develops, and manages a variety of large real estate projects throughout North America, including malls, hotels, and office complexes.

As managing principal, Bluhm also oversees the strategic direction of Walton Street Capital LLC, a private equity real estate investment firm that he cofounded in 1995 with former senior executives of JMB Realty. The firm focuses on investing the principals’ own capital in real estate, in partnership with institutional and private investors. Since its founding, Walton Street Capital has received total equity commitments in excess of $8 billion. He is also chairman of Rush Street Gaming, which develops casinos, including Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, Illinois.

“You have to remember,” he said with a laugh, “that I grew up poor. This fact really drove me to succeed in business. I felt the need to take care of my mother and my sister. I had to. Even today, when a lot of my friends have retired, I still work. I have to!”

Bluhm is now translating his phenomenal success in business into thoughtful and strategic philanthropy that supports social justice work and several other important causes. His gift of $15 million to the Law School is part of a $25 million leadership gift from Bluhm and the Bluhm Family Charitable Foundation that will also benefit Northwestern University and Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Bluhm wanted his Law School gift to be allocated in ways that would help Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez accomplish key objectives. With that in mind, the largest portion of the gift—$6 million—will be unrestricted and will be used to fund key initiatives growing out of the Law School’s strategic planning process and need-based scholarships.

“I went to the Law School on a scholarship,” Bluhm said. “I wouldn’t have been able to without that assistance. I wanted to give back in that way, too.”

The Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program will be the next-biggest beneficiary of the gift; $5 million will be used to help graduates who accept public service and government jobs repay law school loans. The Bluhm Legal Clinic will receive $3 million to strengthen its endowment and enhance clinical legal education programs; these funds are in addition to the $7 million Bluhm previously gave to support the legal clinic. The remaining $1 million will be used over a ten-year period to build ongoing, sustainable support from Law School alumni through annual gifts to the Law School Fund.

“With major changes in legal practice forcing law schools to evolve to meet the demands of the market, we live in an unprecedented time of both challenge and opportunity,” said Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez. “The old models don’t work as well as they once did; we need to build new models. Northwestern Law is able to do this because of the extraordinary support of alumni like Neil Bluhm.”

Bluhm’s record of service and philanthropy to the University and to the Law School is remarkable. In 1999, he and several members of his family made a gift of $7 million that named the Bluhm Legal Clinic. A member of the Board of Trustees’ Investment Committee, he has also served on the Law School’s Law Board, the Law School Visiting Committee, the Law Alumni Board, the Law Development Board, and the Law Campaign Steering Committee (during Campaign Northwestern). In 2009, he received Northwestern’s Alumni Medal, the highest honor an alumnus can receive from the University.

Bluhm is the father of three children, Leslie N. Bluhm, Andrew G. Bluhm, and Meredith A. Bluhm-Wolf. Bluhm-Wolf is a 1995 graduate of Northwestern Law, and she serves on the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Advisory Board.

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10 New Public Interest Fellows

A coalition of alumni and faculty created ten new post-graduate public interest fellowships for members of the Class of 2014, and plans are in the works for more in the years to come. Every year a significant percentage of Northwestern Law students aspire to practice public interest law, a sector in which there is a troubling mismatch between the demand for services and the supply of legal talent. Despite a tremendous need for legal services in the public interest sector, there is a shortage of opportunity because of a lack of adequate financing. For the past few years, nonprofits and governments have faced steadily shrinking budgets and have been trimming staffing levels accordingly. Highly qualified young attorneys thus have difficulty securing positions in public interest law.

To address this issue, the Jay Pritzker Foundation made a $1 million gift to the Law School to establish the Jay A. Pritzker Fellowship Program. Dan (JD ’86) and Karen Pritzker are trustees of the Foundation. Named for Dan Pritzker’s father, who graduated from the Law School in 1947, the program is designed to encourage collaboration. It is a challenge gift, in which donors who make a gift of $25,000 in support of these fellowships will have their gift matched one to one to fully fund one fellow, up to a maximum of nine per year for three years—fellows will be selected from the graduating classes of 2015 and 2016 as well. This year, all nine were funded, and the fellows have been selected. They will start their new jobs in the Fall.

Additionally, the Law School is partnering with Gideon’s Promise, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that trains, mentors, and supports young public defenders. Three 2014 graduates have been selected to become Gideon’s Promise Fellows and will work as public defenders in Tennessee, representing clients desperately in need of legal assistance. Two of these positions are funded through the Pritzker Fellowship program, and one is funded by the Bluhm Legal Clinic.

“Highly qualified young attorneys thus have difficulty securing positions in public interest law,” Dan Pritzker said when the Pritzker Foundation gift was announced last year. “We made this gift to honor the memory of my father, a dedicated philanthropist. We hope to inspire others to contribute as well, so that the Law School can expand these types of public interest initiatives.”

Northwestern Law graduates are able to realize their ambitions of serving in the public sector, and communities across the United States will benefit from having these talented advocates working on their behalf.

Michael Bruzik
City of Chicago Law Department, Torts Division
Bruzik has a strong service ethic, and from the time he arrived at the Law School, he was determined to work for the government as a public servant. He spent his summers and several semesters working at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and the Chicago Park District Law Department.

Dennie Byam
Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, Chicago
Byam is committed to protecting women and children from violence. Her externships during law school included placements at the Child Protection Division of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and the Office of the Cook County Public Guardian. She also worked with Professor Tom Geraghty on a criminal justice system audit in Bangladesh.

Lindsay Dubin
Environmental Law and Policy Center, Chicago
Before she came to Northwestern Law, Dubin worked at the Department of the Interior, where she developed a strong interest in environmental issues. She completed
externships at the Senate Judiciary Committee and the City of Chicago Law Department, and she has been a student in the Environmental Law Clinic.

MARY HENIN
Defender Association of Philadelphia
Henin will serve as a public defender. She began at the Law School with a strong interest in representing children, and worked with Professors Tom Geraghty and Maria Hawilo representing juvenile and adult clients in criminal trials and appeals. She did summer externships at Equip for Equality and Advocates for Children.

MAYA LENTZ
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, Evanston
Lentz served as President of the Public Interest Law Group, and was selected for numerous public interest summer fellowships. She completed externships at Equip for Equality, LAF (formerly the Legal Assistant Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago), and three ACLU offices. At the Moran Center, she will represent children in juvenile court and in related education discipline cases and will help establish restorative justice programs in middle schools.

ANDREW MCNULTY
American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri, Kansas City
McNulty came to the Law School with a strong interest in civil rights. He worked on a civil rights class action at the MacArthur Justice Center, and spent a summer doing civil rights work at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Mississippi. He will work on a variety of civil rights issues at the ACLU.

ABBY PARR
Bronx Defenders, New York
While at the Law School, Parr spent three semesters working in the Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth. She also spent summers at the Missouri State Public Defender and the California Appellate Project. Long interested in public defense, she will work as a public defender in New York City.

2014 GIDEON’S PROMISE FELLOWS
Gideon’s Promise—named after the landmark 1963 Supreme Court decision, Gideon v. Wainwright, which established the right to counsel in criminal proceedings—is committed to expanding access to justice by working to ensure that vulnerable people accused of crimes have “zealous, outstanding representation.”

One of the ways they do this is through the Law School Partnership Project, which connects recent law graduates interested in working as public defenders with public defenders offices interested in recruiting the best future public advocates. By becoming a Gideon’s Promise Fellow, recent law graduates receive training and mentorship as they begin their careers. Nine public defense offices in the South and six universities (Northwestern, American, Boston, and New York Universities; the University of Chicago; and the University of California, Los Angeles) are currently participating. Other schools have funded one or two Gideon’s Promise Fellows; Northwestern Law funded three.

2014 Gideon’s Promise Fellows
BEN ISRAEL will be a public defender at the Shelby County Public Defender’s office in Memphis, Tennessee. Israel found his true calling working as a student in the Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth. His other work at the law school included the Journal of Law and Social Policy and the Miner Moot Court program.

REBBA OMER will work as a public defender at the Knox County Public Defender’s Community Law Office in Knoxville, Tennessee. Omer is a John Henry Wigmore Scholar. She spent two years representing children as a student in the Children and Family Justice Center, and a summer at the Public Defender Service in Washington DC.

BRETT WERENSKI will work as a public defender at the Shelby County Public Defender’s office in Memphis, Tennessee. An associate editor of the Northwestern Law Review, Werenski just had an article accepted by the Boston University Public Interest Law Journal. He was a student in the MacArthur Justice Center and the Children and Family Justice Center.

“Public defenders put our highest ideals into real, meaningful action while also battling our systems’ greatest demons—racism, inequality, unfairness,” said Alison R. Flaum, Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Legal Director of the Children and Family Justice Center. “The Gideon’s Promise Fellowship program allows us to help our students join that battle, while also helping them fulfill their own professional dreams. For a teacher, it just doesn’t get much better than that.”
In February the Law School began an ambitious project to extend the Rubloff Atrium. The three-story addition will include a larger, improved café; a state-of-the-art classroom; four group-study rooms; and 50 new study seats.

“The expansion will add much-needed space where students can eat between classes, meet with faculty, or work with other students,” said George Langford, the Law School’s director of facilities and space planning.

“When the Atrium was originally built in 1984, it was designed as a corridor, joining the Arthur Rubloff Building with Levy Mayer and McCormick Halls,” added Langford. “However, the Atrium quickly became the Law School’s hub, where students gather to socialize, study, and work in groups.”

When the Law School’s café moved from the basement of Levy Mayer to the first floor of Rubloff in 2007, the Atrium became a popular spot to meet for lunch as well. The first floor of the addition will feature a remodeled, expanded café, which will include a 90-seat eating area and a 60-seat outdoor terrace.

The second and third floors of the expansion will provide additional study space, including four group-study rooms equipped with screens for technology sharing. “Adding group spaces is essential to encouraging collaboration and team building,” said Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez. “These components are key to our curriculum and our teaching and learning approach.”

The expansion plans also include a 25-seat state-of-the-art classroom dedicated to technology-based teaching. The classroom will be named David and Libby Savner Hall in honor of the donors who helped fund it (see story on page 11). Designed with input from faculty members and audiovisual experts, the room will feature new technologies that facilitate and enhance interactions between students and professors as well as among students.

“This new classroom illustrates our focus on emerging technology and our commitment to finding ways we can continue to improve and enhance the learning and teaching experience for students and faculty,” said Dean Rodriguez.

Slated for completion in February 2015, the expansion project also calls for a renovation of the circulation and reference areas in the Pritzker Legal Research Center and the addition of heating and cooling capacity to the existing Rubloff Atrium.

The Law School and University Facilities Management have been working on this project with architects from Holabird & Root, the firm that designed the Arthur Rubloff Building. Founded in 1880, the firm also designed landmarks such as the Chicago Board of Trade Building, the Palmer House Hotel, the Palmolive Building, and the original Soldier Field.

To view architectural renderings and an animated walkthrough of the Atrium expansion project, visit www.law.northwestern.edu/facilities/construction.

Below: A rendering of the exterior view of the three-story Rubloff Atrium addition, which will include an outdoor terrace.

Above left: A rendering of the new café.
Savners Give to Support Innovative Instructional Technology

David A. Savner (JD ’68) and his wife, Libby, have given $1 million to the School of Law to outfit a new state-of-the-art classroom dedicated to technology-based teaching solutions and to create an endowed fund to keep the classroom technologically up-to-date. The classroom will be named the David and Libby Savner Hall.

Hardware and software upgrades to existing computers and audiovisual equipment, mobile LED screens, enhanced connectivity for online collaboration, and flexible seating for group work are planned for the collaborative workspace. The Savner gift also funds technical training for faculty and staff along with future technology upgrades.

“When we considered making a gift to Northwestern Law, we became intrigued with contributing to new ways of learning in the law school setting,” said David Savner. “After discussions with Dean Rodriguez and Professors [Emerson] Tiller and [Leslie] Oster, we became very excited by the idea of creating a classroom and technologies geared to interactive and collaborative learning. We look forward to seeing these ideas brought to fruition and actively used by the students.”

New instructional technologies are revolutionizing higher education, and contemporary students expect that technology will be an integral part of the learning experience. In a “flipped classroom,” for example, students view lectures and engage in other learning activities online before class, leaving class time free for discussion, problem solving, and team activities.

“Much of the new educational technology promotes learning online outside the classroom,” said Emerson Tiller, J. Landis Martin Professor of Law and Business and senior associate dean of academic initiatives. “While online lectures and independent activities conducted through the Internet interface enhance the learning environment in a variety of ways, the classroom nonetheless remains vitally important as students and professors meet in person for enhanced ‘hands-on’ learning activities that the out-of-classroom technology has afforded.”

“This is a wonderful gift that will allow us to significantly improve our technology infrastructure,” said Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez. “The Savners’ gift will help us meet current needs for technology-based pedagogies and scale them up as needed in the years to come. The principal objectives of our technology strategies—strategies assisted by great gifts such as this one—are to improve student learning and support innovative legal education.”

David A. Savner is a highly accomplished and widely recognized corporate attorney with expertise in mergers, acquisitions, and buyouts. He practiced law privately in Chicago before joining Jenner & Block in 1987. In 1998 he became senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary for defense contractor General Dynamics Corporation. He returned to Jenner & Block in 2010 following his retirement from General Dynamics.

While at General Dynamics, Savner served as a director of Everybody Wins DC!, a Washington-based reading and mentoring program for inner-city children. He currently serves as a director of Noble Network Education Foundation. He is a life member of the Law Board and was honored by Northwestern with an Alumni Merit Award in 2010.

Libby Savner is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. She has been a member and president of the Deerfield (Illinois) Board of Education and a board member of the Josselyn Center, which serves the mental health needs of Chicago’s North Shore. Since 1989 she has worked as a travel consultant. ■
The Northwestern Law team worked with the Governance and Justice Group’s ground team in Dhaka to coordinate data collection, discuss challenges and findings, and strategize the presentation of the information to the Bangladeshi government.

Bangladesh Justice Audit Offers Intensive Research Opportunity

Four Northwestern Law students participated in a unique research opportunity last fall that could promote change in the Bangladeshi criminal justice system. The students traveled to Bangladesh to contribute to a justice audit of the country’s criminal justice resources, and their research findings will point to areas of possible change in the current system.

The semester-long research project was spearheaded by Thomas F. Geraghty (JD ’69), Class of 1967 James B. Haddad Professor of Law and director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic. This intensive senior research opportunity sought to evaluate the Bangladeshi courts, police forces, prosecutorial process, prisons, victim resources, and other aspects of the criminal justice system to determine areas in need of improvement and greater efficiency.

“The purpose of this project is, through our research, to provide a service to the Bangladeshi government by providing valuable information that will ideally help...”

A Student’s Reflection

Katherine Klein (JD ’14) shares her experience working on the justice audit.

During the fall semester 2013 I was one of four students selected to participate in an intensive senior research project supervised by Professor Geraghty. As a team of five representing Northwestern Law, we were participating in the second-ever justice audit conducted by an international legal consulting firm, the Portugal-based Governance and Justice Group.

A justice audit is an intensive, data-rich study of a country’s major justice-seeking institutions, including the courts, legal aid providers, police, prisons, and prosecutors. The justice audit methodology, designed by the Governance and Justice Group, gathers statistical information on the flow of cases and individuals through a justice system to show governments and policy makers what is happening at any given time. It is hoped that governments and policy makers will use the data as a catalyst for changes they see necessary in their own system.

In addition to gathering institutional data, the justice audit included practitioner surveys of many personnel such as judges, police officials, and detainees, as well as a 6,000-person survey to gauge citizen perceptions of their options for seeking justice and resolving disputes.

As participants in the justice audit methodology—the first ever with both student and academician participants—none of us knew what to expect. From workload to in-country fieldwork, everything seemed abstract and always a moving target.

At the outset of the semester we began an intensive desk-review phase to learn as much as possible about the legal landscape in Bangladesh before arriving. The desk review was fascinating. Poring over Bangladeshi statutes forced us to ask critical questions about the components of...
to improve their criminal justice system," said Geraghty. "It also serves as an opportunity for our students to learn firsthand how other governmental systems operate, through research and interaction. Working with key stakeholders, we want to broaden our students’ perspective on our justice system and offer experiential application to their academic research.”

The audit was conducted in cooperation with the Governance and Justice Group, an NGO founded by Adam Stapleton, a former visiting professor at Northwestern Law. On the ground in Bangladesh, students and faculty were also assisted by Heather Goldsmith (JD ’08), a fellow there with the Governance and Justice Group, and by international experts on access to justice.

According to Geraghty, preliminary findings showed an overwhelming delay in moving cases through the court system, ineffective data management and research capabilities, minimal legal aid, and inadequate pay for judges, police, and prosecutors. A comprehensive report will be presented to the Bangladeshi government in June, in hopes that the findings will prompt changes in the nation’s criminal justice system.

Students Rebba Omer (JD ’14), Katherine Klein (JD ’14), Kelsey Green (JD ’14), and Dennie Byam (JD ’14) spent the first half of the semester drafting research papers and collaborating with the rest of the team to map out the steps of the justice audit. Although they were scheduled to spend a month in Bangladesh, political conflict limited their in-country research to two weeks.

Green, a third-year student, applied for the project because of her background and experience in international human rights. She worked with Professor David Scheffer on atrocity crime litigation memos, spent a summer in the prosecutor’s office at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and participated in an International Team Project in Ethiopia.

With the justice audit, she focused on how the challenges of the Bangladeshi justice system adversely affect women.

"I was intrigued by the differences in reporting across the different criminal justice institutions, with discrepancies in record-keeping practices and in numbers between police, prosecutors, courts, and prisons," said Green. "Based on what we found, the hope is that these discrepancies will be addressed to create more reliable records and a more transparent system, ultimately helping to ensure that people’s rights are protected.”

As a requisite part of the Law School’s Owen L. Coon/James A. Rahl Senior Research Program, each of the students will write a final paper based on a facet of the audit findings.

Students Rebba Omer, Katherine Klein, and Kelsey Green (as well as Dennie Byam, not pictured) joined Professor Thomas F. Geraghty (JD ’69) for two weeks in Bangladesh collaborating with the rest of the justice audit team.
Searle Center Investigates Technology Standards

Researchers at Northwestern Law’s Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth are creating a series of related databases to provide insights into the connections between patents, technology standards, and innovative activity. Their collated information regarding technology standards, standard-setting organizations, and patents is available to other researchers on the Searle Center website.

The Innovation Economics project data already gathered are helping to provide a better understanding of how inventive activity occurs, how it is commercialized, and what might be done to facilitate future innovation.

“Technology standards and standards organizations play a central role in innovation economics,” said project director Daniel F. Spulber, Elinor Hobbs Distinguished Professor of International Business and professor of management and director of the Searle Center and at Northwestern Law. Justus Baron, a new senior research fellow at the Searle Center, is researching technology standards and, with Spulber, is leading an international research team studying standards organizations.

“Data on technological standards offer unexplored research opportunities for economic researchers,” Baron said. A new empirical study by Baron and coauthor Julia Schmidt shows that standards offer highly useful indicators of technological change, investment, and productivity.

An important aim of the Innovation Economics project is to contribute robust empirical evidence to ongoing policy debates. Baron’s research in this area finds, that “standards that include declared essential patents are subject to more updating and have longer expected lifetimes than other comparable standards.”

Recently, high-profile litigation has led to worries that patents might harm standard setting and technological progress. Baron’s research indicates, however, that industry-driven solutions, such as standards consortia and patent pools, often can appropriately deal with conflicts among members of standards organizations.

“These mechanisms are interrelated,” Baron said. “It is important, therefore, to collect data covering not only standards organizations but also patent pools and consortia.”

A grant from wireless technologies innovator Qualcomm is helping to fund research on how patents and technology standards are incentivizing technological innovation.

In addition to hosting related data sets for online access by researchers, the Searle Center is providing access to new data from the US Patent and Trademark Office on trademark registration. The dataset contains detailed information on 6.7 million trademark applications filed with or registrations issued by the USPTO between January 1870 and January 2012. The set includes data on mark characteristics, prosecution events, ownership classification, third-party oppositions, and renewal history.
LLM Tax Students Place in National Tax Challenge

Two teams representing Northwestern Law’s Tax Program received prizes at the American Bar Association’s 13th annual Law Student Tax Challenge in January.

The team of Alexander Dobyan (LLM Tax ’14) and Justin Du Mouchel (LLM Tax ’14), coached by Professor Robert Wootton, received the prize for best written submission in the LLM division. The team of Hanna Lee (LLM Tax ’14) and Thai Duong Nguyen (LLM Tax ’14), coached by Professor Herbert Beller, placed second in the LLM division for their oral presentation.

The ABA Section of Taxation’s Law Student Tax Challenge requires two-student teams to solve a complex, leading-edge business problem that might arise in everyday tax practice. The teams presented oral arguments before a panel of distinguished tax lawyers and tax court judges attending the Section of Taxation’s Midyear Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vis Moot Team Earns Honors in Vienna

The Northwestern Law Vis Moot team qualified for the final rounds and received brief writing and speaking honors in the 21st annual Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition in April in Vienna.

The 2014 Vis Moot team — In Cho (JD ’14), Leonard Kim (JD ’14), JungEun Nicole Lee (JD ’14), and Tianyu Ma (LLM ’14) — earned scores placing it in the top 64 teams after the four days of general rounds. The team won an Honorable Mention for Best Memorandum for Respondent, and Lee won an Honorable Mention for Best Oralist. The team lost narrowly to the University of Buenos Aires in the round of 64.

Northwestern’s team was one of 298 law schools from 66 countries that took part in this year’s competition. Adjunct professor Lawrence Schaner of Jenner & Block coached the team. Adi Altshuler, director of international programs, was the team advisor.

The world’s largest private international law moot court competition, the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot was established in 1994 to promote the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods. This year’s competition was conducted under the Arbitration Rules of the Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation. Teams submit memoranda for the claimant and respondent before coming to Vienna for the oral argument phase of the competition.

To prepare for the competition in Vienna, the team took part in pre-moot events held at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice in Vienna, and Loyola University Chicago School of Law. The 2013–14 Northwestern Vis Moot team was sponsored by Jenner & Block and supported through contributions from the Northwestern Law International Law Society, WilmerHale, Brendan Casey (JD ’11), Kari Parks (JD ’13), and Parminder Sawhney (JD ’12).
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Jonathan Gunn (JD ’13) came to Northwestern Law with a doctorate in biomaterials and nanotechnology and experience in cancer research.

“I’m interested in the intersection of law, technology, and entrepreneurship,” Gunn said. “At Northwestern Law, I found a community of people working on a variety of projects in this area. Now some of my former fellow students are my business partners.”

A variety of programs and courses facilitate work at the intersection of law and entrepreneurship, including the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Entrepreneurship Law Center (ELC) and its associated student group; the Entrepreneurship Law course; NUvention, an interdisciplinary course in which several Northwestern schools collaborate; the three-year JD-MBA program; and the forthcoming Master of Science in Law program.

Gunn participated in the Entrepreneurship Law course and in NUvention. The work he did as a student led to the creation of an innovative medical device company called Briteseed, of which Gunn is now the chief technology officer.

The ELC was one of the first legal clinics in the United States to provide intensive, hands-on training for students who want to be transactional lawyers or founders of start-up companies. The prerequisite course to participate in the clinic, Entrepreneurship Law, is a simulated version of the clinical experience that draws more than 100 students each year.

Under the supervision of clinical faculty, students in the clinic work together to represent new ventures, more established businesses, social entrepreneurs, and nonprofit organizations. Client projects range from entity selection and formation, to intellectual property protection, to drafting founders agreements and customer contracts. [The ELC was founded in 1998 as the Small Business Opportunity Center, but the name was changed in 2010 to more accurately reflect the client base.]

“Effectively representing entrepreneurs requires a unique skill set,” said Center director Esther S. Barron (JD ’95). “Both the class and the clinic provide experiences that prepare students to be successful in this practice area and become integral to entrepreneurial teams. We help our clients establish and grow their enterprises on a solid legal foundation.”

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lawyers and connect with members of the start-up community. Students Allie Hastings (JD ‘14) and Katherine Pine (JD expected ’15) are co-presidents. Both women chose Northwestern Law because of its commitment to entrepreneurship.

After working for a music software startup in Mexico for two years, Pine became interested in the multifaceted process of getting a company off the ground. She came to law school to acquire the skills necessary to counsel emerging companies with their legal issues.

“The ELC allows me to be involved in the collaborative, ever-changing, creative environment that I love,” said Pine, who is also a student in NUvention. “Working with the ELC, I had the opportunity to build relationships with faculty and the entrepreneurial community. The experience gives me a credible foundation and preparation for practice. I also have a much better idea of how to relate to my clients, understand their issues, and empathize with them.”

As co-presidents of the ELC student Group, Hastings and Pine planned the annual ELC conference—a forum to explore various legal issues confronting entrepreneurs. (See sidebar about this year’s conference.)

“I wanted hands-on entrepreneurial experience, so I was excited about programs like ELC and NUvention,” said Hastings, who worked for several years in the technology sector, for companies including Google and Expedia Inc., before coming to the Law School. “I loved the idea of gaining an all-inclusive experience in business and law.”

Hastings recently participated in a competition sponsored by 1871, a shared work space for tech startups in Chicago. Northwestern has an office at 1871, and the ELC represents several of the companies operating there. “Campus 1871” was a “3-day hackathon” that brought together 80 students from universities across Chicago, where they formed teams, conceptualized a business, and pitched their business ideas. Hastings’ team won the competition by pitching an idea for a web service called Alpacu (“al-pack-you”), an in-city moving marketplace that “...take[s] the ‘sucks’ out of ‘moving sucks.’”

Created to expand Northwestern’s interdisciplinary curricula and promote collaboration throughout the University, NUvention classes teach students how innovations become viable business enterprises by putting them in the role of inventors and having them follow their ideas through the commercialization life cycle. There are six NUvention courses: Energy, Impact, Medical, Nano, Web, and Analytics. The program was ranked among the country’s top 10 entrepreneurial programs by Inc. magazine.

Gunn, Hastings, and Pine participated in NUvention: Medical, where students from the School of Law, the Feinberg School
Former entrepreneurship law student Joe Dwyer (JD-MBA ’08) returned to Northwestern Law in March to deliver the keynote address for the Ninth Annual Entrepreneurship Law Conference. More than 250 students, entrepreneurs, lawyers, financial investors, and business leaders attended the event, which focused on the legal issues of entrepreneurial ventures.

Besides delivering the keynote address, investor, technologist, and serial entrepreneur Dwyer was presented with the 2014 Distinguished Entrepreneur Award. He is a partner at both Digital Intent and Founder Equity Fund, and he teaches entrepreneurship courses at the Kellogg School of Management.

Dwyer was joined in the discussion forum by an impressive lineup of panelists, including executive-level speakers and founders from key Chicago-area companies such as the Starter League, Social Crunch, Simple Relevance, Swipe Sense, and Munroe Capital, as well as senior attorneys from top law firms. The panelists covered various stages of growing a business, the legal steps of getting started and attracting investors, understanding investment terms, and the best ways of protecting a brand.

“We were excited by the caliber of our panelists and thrilled to have Joe with us to share his passion, creativity, experiences, and perspective,” said Esther Barron, director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Entrepreneurship Law Center.

“Joe is my former entrepreneurship law student, so presenting him with the Distinguished Entrepreneur Award was particularly meaningful for me.”

Dwyer’s first company, launched in 1994, provided tech innovation and strategy to clients such as Bain and Albertson’s. Since then he has founded and led multiple companies, including the Virtual Market, one of the earliest dynamic e-commerce sites; LoanSurfer.com, a top-five online mortgage bank; TouchPoint, an enterprise software as a service with Fortune 500 clients; and ArtistData, a social media platform sold to SonicBids. After receiving his JD-MBA, Dwyer joined OCA Ventures, where he was a venture partner until recently moving to an advisory role. Dwyer is also a mentor for startup accelerators Techstars and Founder Institute and a charter member of the global entrepreneurship network TiE.

Past Distinguished Entrepreneur Award recipients include J.B. Pritzker, (JD ’93) co-founder and Managing Partner of the Pritzker Group; Randall Kaplan (JD ’93), entrepreneur, venture investor, and JUMP Investors CEO; and 1871 CEO Howard Tullman (JD ’70).
Students also learn about the issues involved in business formation, and they select the entity that best suits their business model and product. Some teams stay together beyond the course and go on to start companies.

Briteseed is one of these companies. Cofounders Gunn and Muneeb Bokhari (JD ‘12) from the Law School, Mayank Vijayvergia from McCormick, and Paul Fehrenbacher from Feinberg were on a team together in the 2011–2012 NUvention: Medical class, where they began developing “SafeSnips”—a device that uses near-infrared technology to reduce surgical cutting accidents, which can be fatal if an artery is cut. SafeSnips met with great success during early development, winning more than $100,000 in cash and business services in the 2012 Techweek Chicago Launch competition. Briteseed was recognized as the top life science company at the 2013 Rice Business Plan Competition—the world’s richest and largest graduate-level business plan competition—and placed second overall, which earned the company $238,000 in cash and investments and $41,300 in-kind awards. (The first place team, SiNode Systems, also from Northwestern, evolved from the NUvention: Energy course.)

Briteseed has raised more than $1.1 million to date and expects to take SafeSnips—still in the research and development stage—to market within the next two years.

“Through NUvention I was able to apply skills in a practical way and gain invaluable experience,” said Gunn. “I brought fundamentals from my core legal education and the principles of entrepreneurial law to the team, and together we were able to create functioning technology that has real utility in the operating room.”

“Bringing together students from different academic disciplines facilitates creativity and innovation,” said Leslie Oster, NUvention: Medical instructor and clinical associate professor of law. “Students learn so much from each other and from the experience of applying what they’ve studied in the classroom to real-world situations.”

The JD-MBA program was the primary reason Divya Narendra (JD-MBA ‘12) came to Northwestern. He enrolled in the JD-MBA program after leaving his job at a hedge fund. “I appreciate how important it is to have a framework for understanding the law in conducting business,” he said.

The Law School offers an integrated program with the Kellogg School of Management, one that provides a thorough grounding in law and business. The first three-year JD-MBA program in the country, Northwestern’s program is now the nation’s largest with approximately 70 students. Core curricula are complemented with elective coursework in such areas as finance, entrepreneurship, international business law, real estate law, and tax law. The interdisciplinary nature of the program prepares students to address legal and business issues in legal practice, public governance, consulting, investment banking.
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Leslie Oster, clinical associate professor of law, NUvention: Medical entrepreneurship, venture capital, and other careers. In addition to theoretical and practical training, the program offers another key asset: access to an extraordinary alumni network of 500+ JD-MBA graduates, as well as to the Law and Kellogg alumni communities, people who are working in a variety of industries across the globe.

It was through a Northwestern Law alumni connection that Narendra gained two investors for his tech start-up company, SumZero, which he launched while he was a Northwestern student. With a background in finance and business, he pulled from both industries to craft the idea for SumZero out of his interest in social media, technology, and investments. Operating on a “give and get model,” SumZero offers a centralized, searchable online platform whereby professional investors working for hedge funds, mutual funds, and private equity funds can share investment ideas and network.

“I find that it is invaluable to have a working knowledge of all parts of the industry on both the legal and business sides,” said Narendra, now SumZero CEO. “It has made me much more aware in my business practices, and it is also beneficial in working with clients.”

Northwestern Law’s newest interdisciplinary program, the Master of Science in Law (MSL), will welcome its first class in the fall. The program is designed for professionals with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine. MSL students will learn how law and regulation affects opportunities, constraints, and perspectives on business goals and strategies, both locally and globally.

Core courses, specialized elective classes, and experiential activities cluster in three interrelated areas: intellectual property and patent design, business law and entrepreneurship, and regulatory analysis and strategy.

“This program is tailored specifically for people working at the intersection of law, business, and technical fields such as science and engineering,” said Oster, who directs the MSL program. “We’ve built a focused curriculum that will arm students with skills that will help them be valuable collaborators and become actively involved in the commercialization process, be it in startup settings or for established companies that innovate in the market.”

“The MSL program will give these students the skills they need to communicate, manage, and lead more effectively across the combined business, legal, and regulatory specialties,” added Emerson Tiller, J. Landis Martin Professor of Law and Business and Senior Associate Dean of Academic Initiatives.

A hallmark of the MSL is the Entrepreneurship Lab—modeled on the NUvention program—which will expose students to all aspects of the innovation process, from ideation to commercialization. Working in teams, students will create an idea for a business, design a prototype of the idea, draft a business plan, and address issues of entity selection and intellectual property protection.

“The Law School’s ambitious development of interdisciplinary programs addresses a growing industry need to build meaningful, practical bridges across the fields of law, business, and technology,” said Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez. “In an increasingly interconnected world where law and regulation are profoundly important, law schools cannot think of legal training as solely for lawyers.”

—Kirston Fortune and Jennifer West
A Northwestern student start-up that includes JD-MBA students John Kuelper (JD-MBA ’14) and Matthew Rosenstock (JD-MBA ’14) developed a winning business plan for a patented, personalized therapy that stimulates the immune system to fight cancer.

The six-person Orpheden Therapeutics team was among the finalists in the business plan phase of the Breast Cancer Startup Challenge. The interdisciplinary team also includes MBA student Ronald Mantel and Feinberg School of Medicine students Jonathan Bell, Mthabisi Moyo, and Daniel Levine.

The worldwide competition is posited on the idea that a lot of important research with tremendous potential exists and is waiting to be developed. Teams create business plans to bring the technology of unused patents to market. Over the next four months the Northwestern team will launch its start-up and pursue a license for the invention. In June, Orpheden will pitch the business plan in New York to interested seed funders who could provide $100,000 to $10 million to grow the start-up.

Orpheden Therapeutics competed against more than 40 teams in the business plan phase. It selected an investigational cancer therapy invented by Feinberg professors Alan Krenskey in pediatrics and microbiology-immunology and Carol Clayberger in microbiology-immunology. The therapy uses the naturally occurring protein granulysin to activate a specific type of immune cell to target and fight cancer while ignoring healthy cells. Immune cells are taken from a patient’s body, stimulated with granulysin, exposed to the patient’s tumor cells to aid in targeting, and then reintroduced into the body to fight the cancer.

This investigative approach has showed promising results in cell and animal research. The Northwestern team will be doing more preclinical research to evaluate the therapy’s potential with underserved groups of cancer patients, which initially include those with triple-negative breast cancer and ovarian cancer. Their goal is to launch a clinical trial for ovarian cancer in 2015.

“There’s been a lot of hope that personalized cell therapies will be the future of medicine, but no one has been able to crack that model,” said Kuelper, Orpheden CEO. “We’ve come up with a business model that is friendly to investors and a therapy that is easily adopted by physicians. If we’re successful, we may finally have a platform that can realize the promise of personalized medicine.”

The Breast Cancer Startup Challenge is a partnership between the Avon Foundation for Women, the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, and the Center for Advancing Innovation. Two hundred teams expressed an interest in joining the challenge and 46 teams were accepted to compete on a range of business plan possibilities.

Kuelper is also a student in the NUvention: Medical Innovation class, where he is a member of a team that is working on an ophthalmology device that simplifies the delivery of postoperative medications to cataract and other eye surgery patients.

Orpheden Therapeutics is a project of Northwestern’s Innovation and New Ventures Office, which brings together teams from different academic backgrounds to support and accelerate entrepreneurship.

“These endeavors reinforce something unique to Northwestern: the inclusion of law students on these types of entrepreneurial teams,” said Dean Rodriguez, Dean and Harold Washington Professor.
Geraghty Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Thomas F. Geraghty (JD ’69) received the 2013 Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Lifetime Achievement Award for his professional accomplishments and dedication to justice. The award was presented at the IACDL’s annual dinner on November 15.

Geraghty, associate dean for clinical education and director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic, has been a member of the Northwestern Law community for more than 40 years. In addition to his teaching, fundraising, and administrative responsibilities at the Law School, he manages a substantial active caseload at the clinic, working primarily on criminal and juvenile defense cases, juvenile court reform, death penalty appeals, and projects promoting effective child-centered representation of juveniles and families in courts.

Geraghty has devoted much of his career to defending young people in the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems and to supervising law students involved in those cases. Concerned about the quality of the Cook County Juvenile Court’s administration of justice for children and the transfer of youths to adult criminal court for trial, Geraghty helped found the Children and Family Justice Center in 1992. He was also active in the representation of victims of police torture in Chicago’s Area 2, including two victims who were on Illinois’s death row when Geraghty was appointed to their cases.

Geraghty continues to serve clients in the juvenile and criminal courts. He was instrumental in establishing, with funding from the Chicago-based Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Foundation, the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s project to represent prisoners in bond court in order to identify those who should not be held in jail pending trial.

The IACDL is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to defending the rights of all persons as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. The annual Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes one member whose long-standing commitment to justice embodies the IACDL’s ideals and mission.
The Center for International Human Rights presented its inaugural Global Jurist of the Year Award to Dikgang Moseneke, deputy chief justice of the South African Constitutional Court, during a ceremony and dinner at the Bluhm Legal Clinic on October 16. The distinguished lawyer and judge was honored for his dedication to human rights and the rule of law.

“Deputy Chief Justice Moseneke’s unwavering commitment to justice and the rule of law throughout his long and distinguished career, often in the face of adversity, is an inspiration to the bench and bar,” said David Scheffer, Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law and CIHR director.

Moseke spoke on “The People, the Courts, and the Embryonic Jurisprudence of South Africa” at the dinner and award ceremony. Earlier that day, he addressed Northwestern Law students, faculty, and staff at a luncheon lecture, “The Law and the Transition from Apartheid to a Constitutional Democracy.”

Born in Pretoria, South Africa, in 1947, Moseke was arrested and convicted at age 15 for participating in antiapartheid activities. During his 10-year imprisonment on Robben Island, he earned two college degrees. In 1978 he was admitted to the Pretoria Bar as an attorney and focused his practice largely on legal challenges to apartheid policies and their consequences.

In 1993 Moseke served on the committee that drafted South Africa’s interim constitution, and the following year he was named deputy chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission, which conducted South Africa’s first democratic elections. In 2001 he was elevated to judge of the High Court in Pretoria and was appointed to the Constitutional Court in 2002. Moseke was made deputy chief justice of that court in 2005.

The CIHR created the Global Jurist of the Year Award to recognize judges who have substantially contributed to the advancement of international human rights law and international criminal law, particularly those who have shown outstanding dedication to the rule of law and courage in the face of adversity. Jurists from all nations and tribunals are eligible for consideration.
Illinois Ruling Ends Mandatory Sentence of Juvenile Life without Parole

The Illinois Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Children, a project of the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Children and Family Justice Center, applauded the Illinois Supreme Court’s recent decision ending the mandatory sentence of juvenile life without parole.

On March 20, the decision came in the landmark case People v. Addolfo Davis, in which Davis was sentenced to mandatory life in prison for his role as an accomplice to a crime that occurred when he was 14 years old. Under the mandatory sentencing rule, Davis would serve the rest of his life behind bars. Having already spent 23 years in prison, Davis’s attorney, former CFJC fellow Patricia Soung (JD ’08), argued his case before Illinois’s highest court.

This decision holds retroactive the United States Supreme Court 2012 ruling in Miller v. Alabama, which made mandatory juvenile life sentences without parole unconstitutional. Under the new Davis ruling, some 80 to 100 people currently serving such sentences in Illinois will be eligible for resentencing hearings.

“This decision, and the decisions that preceded it in the United States Supreme Court, are so important because they will force the courts to take into consideration a young person’s capacity for change and rehabilitation,” said Shobha Mahadev (JD ’99), director of the coalition. “More important, these decisions open the door to a larger conversation on the treatment of children in the juvenile and criminal justice systems.”

According to Mahadev, the Davis ruling will compel Illinois courts to consider factors at resentencing that were never taken into account at the time of the original sentencing hearing and which are directly relevant to the attributes of youth and their decision making, including age, maturity level, home environment, ability to navigate the justice system, and peer pressure.

The CFJC helped form the Illinois Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Children, which comprises attorneys, academics, children’s advocates, and citizens committed to the fair treatment of children in the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Landmark Bluhm Legal Clinic Report: Mandatory Minimums Don’t Mitigate Gun Crime

“Every life lost to gun violence is tragic, and communities deserve smart and strategic solutions to this devastating problem, but decades of research demonstrate that mandatory minimum sentences are not effective in reducing gun violence,” said report coauthor and Children and Family Justice Center clinical fellow Stephanie Kollmann (JD ’10). “Young people are stopped and frisked more often than adults by police, and nearly half of all arrests for illegal gun possession are of youth under the age of 21. The report reveals
that mandatory minimums are especially ineffective at deterring this group."

“It just doesn’t make sense to coerce judges to impose minimum sentencing on everyone convicted of illegal gun possession or other gun crimes, especially when much more effective options are available,” said Dominique Nong, report coauthor and Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Fellow at the Bluhm Legal Clinic. Other options include targeting illicit firearms trafficking in conjunction with individualized interventions, alternatives to prosecution, and youth intervention programs. One intervention program, Becoming a Man, incorporates mentoring, counseling, and sports. Another, One Summer Plus, offers summer employment paired with cognitive behavioral programming; in just one season, it reduced youth violent crime arrests by half.

Publication of the study has spurred lawmakers and media to address evidence-based research when considering mandatory minimums, a practice Bluhm Legal Clinic director Thomas F. Geraghty (JD ’69) would like to see happen all the time.

“Too often, public policy is shaped by initiatives that seem tough on crime but actually are both costly and ineffective,” said Geraghty. “The fallacy becomes a rallying cry, and somewhere along the way, the truth is lost.”

Julie Biehl (JD ’86), director of the Children and Family Justice Center and a contributor to the study, concurs. “We’ve prompted discussion about what are and are not the best strategies to prevent gun crime,” she said. “Sentencing young people to three years behind bars, across the board, simply isn’t a smart option. We can intervene in the lives of youth in ways that not only prevent crime but also provide support and stability to families and communities.”

Clinic students Jamie Liebert (JD ’14), Brendan Mooney (JD ’14), Rebba Omer (JD ’14), and Brett Werenski (JD ’14) contributed to the study.

Access to Health Project Gets Big-League Boost

Alejandro De Aza, leadoff hitter and center fielder for the Chicago White Sox, teamed up with Northwestern University’s Access to Health project to encourage people in the Dominican Republic town of Guaymate, De Aza’s birthplace, to live a healthy lifestyle.

De Aza was featured in a 90-second video as part of an ATH-led health education initiative. The video, as well as a community health fair held on Guaymate’s baseball fields last February, grew out of efforts in which Northwestern students in law, business, medicine, and public health are collaborating with Guaymate Hospital staff and medical residents from the University of Illinois at Chicago to improve healthcare access and quality in Guaymate.

ATH was founded in 2011 by Northwestern Law’s Center for International Human Rights faculty member Juliet Sorensen and colleagues at Northwestern Medicine’s Center for Global Health. ATH projects, involving faculty and interdisciplinary teams of students from Sorensen’s Health and Human Rights class, leverage Northwestern-based research and clinical expertise in resource-limited areas of the world. ATH project teams partner with communities to assess needs and design and implement sustainable capacity-building interventions.

This spring an ATH team traveled to the West African nation of Mali to conduct a health and human rights needs assessment in the town of Douentza. Future ATH efforts there will seek to build healthcare capacity as the country emerges from civil conflict.
Center for International Human Rights Tackles Corruption Here and Abroad

Money changes hands and—voila!—a crumbling warehouse is deemed up to code. Flash a little cash, grease a palm or two, and see red tape disappear. Is it a surprise when a lucrative city contract is awarded to the mayor’s brother-in-law? Or when a deposed dictator flees his country before fleeing?

Bribery, extortion, embezzlement—public corruption takes many forms and can thrive in any setting, from urban centers to sleepy backwaters, in G8 nations as well as the world’s poorest countries.

But in the classroom, courtroom, and at the United Nations, Northwestern Law alumni, faculty, and students are investigating and joining the fight against corruption—both at home and overseas.

DELEGATION PARTICIPATES IN PANAMA CONFERENCE

In 2013 the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Center for International Human Rights was granted consultative status with the United Nations, an accreditation held by only one other US law school, which allows nongovernmental, nonprofit public and voluntary organizations to play a role in UN deliberations. CIHR’s consultative status enabled clinical assistant professor Juliet Sorensen and two JD students—Akane Tsuruta (JD ’14) and Jessica Dwinell (JD-LLM IHR ’14)—to attend last November’s Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Panama City.

As recently as 15 years ago bribery was regarded in many countries as a legitimate business practice, in some cases even a tax deduction allowed by law. It was not until 2003—when the Convention against Corruption was adopted by the UN General Assembly—that a legally binding international treaty to criminalize corporate bribery, extortion, and embezzlement first emerged. As of February of this year, 170 countries have become parties to the treaty, and the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC has convened biennially to review signatories’ progress toward preventing corruption, improving international law enforcement, and providing mechanisms for the treaty’s implementation.

Northwestern Law’s three delegates to last fall’s conference—the fifth to be held—worked closely with the UNCAC Coalition, a global coalition of anticorruption NGOs, attending plenary sessions and helping the organization report on the proceedings. Tsuruta and Dwinell also blogged about conference proceedings for FCPA Professor (www.fcpaprofessor.com), an online forum devoted to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other international anticorruption laws.

As first-time conference participants with newly conferred NGO consultative status, “we were impressed to see so many NGOs—from the large and sophisticated to the small and grassroots—from every corner of the globe: including Bahrain, the Philippines, and Argentina,” said Sorensen. “The number of organizations dedicated to calling for transparency, accountability, and good government was inspiring to us.” She was particularly encouraged by initiatives to ensure transparency and access in international sporting events such as the Olympics and World Cup and by promising grassroots projects such as ipaidabribe.com, a website founded in India whose users—including many in Eastern Europe and other countries well beyond India—can post a report whenever they are forced to pay a bribe.

Tsuruta shared Sorensen’s optimism about these efforts and believes technology can play a major role in fighting corruption.
She noted the example of Chicago’s revamped process of assigning building inspectors: “One of the outcomes of Operation Crooked Code, a federal investigation led by Professor Sorensen that exposed corruption in the city’s building and zoning practices, was an automated way to assign inspectors, thus inhibiting cronyism.”

The UNCAC conference had a great impact, both professionally and personally, on Dwinell, who also spent the spring semester in Malawi as part of the CIHR’s prisoner advocacy project. “Fighting corruption is a part of who I am,” she said. “The rare opportunity to actually participate in a UN conference was an incomparable experience I’ll never forget.”

**A CORRUPTION COMPENDIUM**

With guidance and support from Chicago law firm Baker & McKenzie, the CIHR has created a desk reference compendium on UNCAC compliance. Sorensen, Tsuruta, and Dwinell analyzed data and assembled country-by-country documentation, working together with Baker & McKenzie partner Edwin R. Dunn (JD ’67), attorney Gerardo Calderon-Villegas (who also attended the UNCAC conference), and Bluhm Legal Clinic advisory board member Angela Vigil (JD ’95), who is Baker & McKenzie’s director of pro bono and community service for North America. The compendium was an essential resource for Northwestern Law’s UNCAC conference delegation and will continue to serve as a guide for future UNCAC compliance work.

“This valuable resource would not have been possible without the generosity and talent of Baker & McKenzie,” said Sorensen. “And each of us, regardless of the type of law we practice, can play a role in fighting corruption. As members of the bar, it is our responsibility to advise clients facing the gray areas of corruption to make honest, ethical decisions. In-house lawyers, corporate counsel, and litigators—all can help.”

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—JESSICA DWINELL (JD-LLM IHR ’14)

**Here is an excerpt from the op-ed article by Professor Juliet Sorensen, “UN measure to fight bribery is a work in process,” that appeared on Al Jazeera America online November 25, 2013:**

It is one thing for governments to enact laws; it is another for governments to enforce them, especially when those laws target conduct by government officials. The UNCAC’s demands are regrettably weak in this regard, consisting of a “nonintrusive” desk review of a “comprehensive self-assessment checklist” by each signatory nation. A further review on site by outside assessors is conducted only if the signatory nation consents. For example, Afghanistan ratified the UNCAC over five years ago but tied for last place with Somalia and North Korea on Transparency International’s 2012 Corruption Perception Index, which measures corruption via surveys and expert assessments. Half of Afghan citizens paid a bribe while requesting a public service, according to a recent report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Bribes paid to public officials in 2012 totaled $3.9 billion, money that is desperately needed in Afghanistan to improve infrastructure, education and health. Cases initiated by the Afghan agency charged with investigating corruption have been repeatedly dismissed or suppressed by the government of Hamid Karzai.

But corruption affects not only the poorest countries. Wal-Mart’s Mexican subsidiary, according to reporting by The New York Times, paid a series of bribes to Mexican zoning officials in order to secure permission to build Wal-Marts in cultural-heritage and environmentally protected areas, including one that was home to renowned Aztec pyramids. In Russia, attorney Sergei Magnitsky was imprisoned in 2008 after alleging corruption and tax fraud by government officials. Denied medical care for gallstones and pancreatitis, he died in prison in 2009. Nonetheless, both Mexico and Russia have signed the UNCAC, as well as the antibribery convention of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development that forbids companies based in (wealthier) OECD member countries to bribe foreign public officials. Like the UNCAC, the OECD convention, adopted in 1997, does not penalize countries that fail to comply with its requirements but rather provides only for monitoring compliance.

(Read the complete article at http://america.aljazeera.com/opinions/2013/11/un-measure-to-fight-thebribingofforeignofficialsisaworkinprocess.html.)
Dean Rodriguez Assumes Presidency of AALS

Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez was inaugurated as president of the Association of American Law Schools at its annual meeting in New York City January 2–5.

“Legal Education at the Crossroads,” Rodriguez’s presidential address at the January 4 meeting of the AALS House of Representatives, focused on the guiding theme of his presidency.

“Those of us principally involved in legal education must think creatively and strategically about how best to assure that we are serving the objectives of our profession and managing rapid change,” Rodriguez said. “I look forward to working with my AALS colleagues and all legal educators on many interesting initiatives and on improving the nation’s law schools.”

Rodriguez will serve a one-year term as president. He succeeds Leo P. Martinez, Albert Abramson Professor of Law at the University of California, Hastings.

AALS, the nonprofit educational association that serves as the academic society for law teachers, is the nation’s principal representative of legal education to the federal government, other national higher education organizations, learned societies and international law schools.

Rodriguez has contributed significantly to the work of the AALS over the years, serving most recently on the executive committee from 2009 to 2011. He chaired the Section on Legislation and Law of the Political Process and served on the executive committees of four other sections, as well as on standing committees for libraries and technology and curriculum issues. Rodriguez has also served on ABA-AALS joint site teams and has chaired a special site visit for the AALS. AALS is a voluntary membership organization of 176 US law schools representing more than 10,000 law faculty. It was founded in 1900 for “the improvement of the legal profession through legal education.”

“There are, indeed, significant changes in the air. Just as the drumbeat of criticism of our educational and business model is becoming ever louder, the ample energies of our stakeholders, our member schools, and the administrators and faculties who make them up are turning toward imaginative reform. Necessity continuing to be the mother of our invention, we see around us remarkably valuable strategies to respond to the dynamic changes in the legal profession.”

Read the full text of Dean Rodriguez’s AALS presidential address at his blog: deansblog.law.northwestern.edu/2014/01/08/legal-education-at-the-crossroads

Word on the Streeterville
Delaney Awarded Fellowship at Edinburgh Law School

Erin Delaney, assistant professor of law, has been awarded a prestigious MacCormick Visiting Fellowship at Edinburgh Law School to work on comparative constitutionalism.

The fellowship will allow her to expand her research on constitutional change in the United Kingdom, and she will also teach a seminar on that topic at Edinburgh Law School. (Delaney’s paper “Judiciary Rising: Constitutional Change in the United Kingdom” is forthcoming in the *Northwestern University Law Review*.)

The MacCormick Fellowships were created to honor the memory of noted scholar Sir Neil MacCormick, the Regius Professor of Public Law and the Law of Nature and Nations at the University of Edinburgh from 1972 to 2008. The program supports advanced research in legal studies and the international exchange of ideas.

New Faculty

**George H. Pike**

DIRECTOR, PRITZKER LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER; SENIOR LECTURER

BA College of Idaho  
JD University of Idaho  
MA University of Washington

George H. Pike joined Northwestern Law as director of the Pritzker Legal Research Center and senior lecturer last November. He brings more than two decades of diverse experience in library science—and an ambitious vision for the library.

“Northwestern Law has contextual, archival and historical scholarship that can’t be found anywhere else,” said Pike. “I want us to maximize the sophisticated empirical research and scholarly resources that are most valuable to our students and legal scholars alike.”

Prior to coming to Northwestern, Pike was director of the Barco Law Library of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. In his 19-year tenure there, he significantly expanded faculty services, prioritized student needs, and oversaw a major renovation.

For the Pritzker Legal Research Center, Pike says he envisions “a transformation that looks physically and technologically in keeping with Northwestern’s reputation,” offering attractive, flexible work spaces as well as a digital environment second to none.

But physical upgrades are secondary to what Pike sees as the library’s foremost purpose: serving as an invaluable resource for students as they put together their legal toolboxes. “Access to legal research sets the foundation for their careers,” said Pike. “So my main focus is on the timeliness and salience of our resources and services and how efficiently we provide them.”

In addition to his duties as library director, Pike teaches courses and seminars on legal research and copyright and privacy law—areas in which he is an acknowledged expert in the law library community.
Does Health Insurance Save Lives?

BY BERNARD BLACK

This article is based on joint research with Jose Espin-Sanchez, Eric French, and Kate Litvak, available at ssrn.com/abstract=2013669.

Will we save lives if we expand health insurance to everyone? President Obama claims the answer is yes, that the Affordable Care Act is “life-or-death stuff,” and that “tens of thousands of Americans die each year just because they don’t have health insurance.” He is wrong.

The belief that health insurance will save lives is based on earlier empirical research, conducted with outdated methodology and flawed research design. In recently completed research, we revisit this question with much better machinery: we use the best available longitudinal dataset, correct errors in prior studies, study a longer time period, and apply an array of modern methods for causal inference. We study the near-elderly (50–61-year-olds), the group for whom health insurance is most likely to affect mortality.

Younger people rarely die of medically preventable causes, and the elderly are all insured through Medicare. We find no evidence that health insurance reduces mortality at all, let alone by a meaningful amount.

Figure 1, one of many in our study, summarizes our results. For each uninsured person in the sample, we find a match — an insured person with similar demographic and personal characteristics. We then compare the uninsured to all insured (both privately and publicly insured), and estimate the effect of being uninsured on mortality. In the figure, the solid line shows estimated extra mortality for the uninsured; the dotted lines show 90 percent confidence intervals around this estimate. The estimated extra mortality for the uninsured is near zero for 12–14 years after initial observation. We find an uptick in mortality for the initially uninsured at 16–18 years after initial observation. But by then, everyone in the sample has reached Medicare age, and almost everyone is insured.

The weak connection between insurance and mortality may at first seem surprising, but it is not. First, the uninsured often receive health care—through out-of-pocket payment, guaranteed emergency care, charity, and other subsidized care. Second, many people have insurance but have poor healthcare because of ignorance, inability to follow treatment protocols, or shortage of local providers. A number of leading causes of death, including unintentional and intentional injuries, are not preventable through nonemergency healthcare, so expanding health insurance can do little to reduce mortality from those causes. Meanwhile, health insurance can cause harm through overtreatment. For every life saved through more healthcare, another could be lost.

How is it, then, that prior studies, some using the same dataset, found that lack of insurance causes death? The key problem is that the insured and the uninsured are different in many ways far beyond insurance: the insured mostly get their insurance from employers, which means they are employed or married to someone who is employed, which means they are healthier, have more settled and organized lifestyles, and are less likely to engage in self-destructive behavior. The dataset we use has information about some of these factors, but not all of them. Prior studies did not do enough to control for these differences.

A second problem: Some insured people are insured privately (the
healthier, employed ones). Others are insured publicly, often through Medicaid. The publicly insured are often unhealthy, unemployed, or both. You would think that if health insurance reduces mortality, the publicly insured would be less likely to die than the similar uninsured. But prior studies excluded all publicly insured people from the sample! So, they deliberately removed the sick, poor, and unemployed from the ranks of “insured” people, and then found that the remaining insured live longer than the uninsured.

Intrigued, we asked whether publicly insured people are less likely to die than similar uninsured people. We used the same statistical methods as prior studies and found that the uninsured live longer than the publicly insured. If we follow the logic of prior papers, then public insurance kills people! Instead, we prefer a different interpretation: the statistical methods used in prior papers are invalid.

Our research addresses those problems. We use the rich data we have to make the uninsured as similar as possible to the insured. There are still unmeasurable factors like self-discipline, but we include many health and lifestyle factors (weight, drinking, disabilities, depression, self-reported health, major diseases, income, wealth, education, and much more). We also use the best currently available statistical techniques to ensure that the matching is done properly. Finally, we include all insured people—publicly and privately insured.

The result is clear and robust: there is no evidence of a relationship between health insurance and mortality. And these results are consistent with those from shorter-term studies, including the recent Oregon Health Insurance Experiment, and studies of what happens to mortality and health right around age 65, when people become Medicare-eligible.

The uninsured do consume less healthcare—but not much less. The uninsured are 15–18 percent less likely to have been hospitalized or seen a doctor in the last two years. Prior research shows small differences in emergency hospitalization rates—around 3 percent in one careful study.

Expanding health insurance to everyone is unlikely to have a measurable effect on mortality. But expanded, subsidized access will drive cost up, and efforts to control cost will then almost inevitably drive quality down.

Our research calls into question the merits of spending huge sums of money to expand insurance access. Expanding health insurance to everyone is unlikely to have a measurable effect on mortality. But expanded, subsidized access will drive cost up, and efforts to control cost will then almost inevitably drive quality down.

Our healthcare and health insurance systems are dysfunctional in many ways. US healthcare costs are obscene and rising. We don’t receive much more healthcare, nor better healthcare, than other developed countries. We only pay a lot more for what we get. Our study suggests that cost and quality should take center stage. If healthcare reform focuses principally on access—as the Affordable Care Act does—we will end up bankrupt and not that healthy.
Colloquium Series Examines Issues Raised by Constitutional Change

Last fall saw the launch of “Constitutional Design in the Muslim World,” a yearlong series of colloquia and coursework that explores constitutional change from social, cultural, religious and historical perspectives.

“This positions Northwestern as a leader in comparative constitutional law,” said Kristen Stilt, Harry R. Horrow Professor in International Law and a noted Islamic law expert, who teamed with assistant law professor and political scientist Erin F. Delaney to convene the colloquium series and offer the course.

The colloquia, which are open to the public, feature leading scholars and experts from around the world who address constitutionalism and constitutions in the Muslim world—notably, Iran, Egypt, Tunisia, Pakistan, India, Turkey, and Indonesia.

“From the wide array of international participants in the series, scholars, faculty, and students alike are offered a broader view on issues raised by constitutional change,” Stilt said.

The two-semester companion course serves to internationalize students’ understanding of constitutional law processes, jurisprudential debate, and various forms of constitutionalism, both Islamic and otherwise. Students read and discuss the colloquium speakers’ writings, explore constitutional dynamics in other countries, including Bangladesh, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain, and prepare an end-of-term paper on the country and constitution of their choice.

Professors Stilt and Delaney provide input and direction on the students’ final projects and will facilitate publication of outstanding papers. In addition, students may contribute blog postings to constitutionaldesign.law.northwestern.edu, a website featuring news of selected world events, faculty and student commentary and original research, and videos of presentations from the colloquium series.

“I’ve found the class to be incredibly interesting,” said second-year student Laura Kelly, who has interests in international relations and current events but no background in Islamic studies. “It has not only expanded my knowledge of constitutions in the Muslim world, it has also improved my reading...
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Comprehension and analytical and critical thinking skills. We also have learned to delve into richer analysis, evaluating research credibility and theories. This will certainly be useful to us as practicing lawyers.” Her final paper focuses on the intersection of women’s rights and international treaties in regards to the Moroccan and Tunisian constitutions.

“Beyond a high-level introduction to constitutional design and Islam, the students have the opportunity to engage with international academics and activists who are deeply involved in the practical application of constitutional theory,” said Delaney. “Through class discussions and their own research, students are reaching conclusions about the ways in which religion can function in a constitutional system, and identifying the past successes and challenges ahead for many of these countries.”

The “Constitutional Design in the Muslim World” colloquium series is made possible in part by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, with support from the Dorothy Tapper Goldman Foundation. Additional support has also been provided by the Buffett Center and Equality Development and Globalization Studies at Northwestern University.

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Clubs Keep Alumni Connected

Northwestern Law now has 10 active alumni clubs in nine major metropolitan areas—Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York City, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Twin Cities and Washington, DC—as well as a club for LLM Tax alumni. Alumni Clubs provide opportunities for alumni to maintain and develop connections with one another and the Law School through professional, social, and academic activities. Recent club events have included happy hours, networking events, panels, and visits from Northwestern Law faculty who travel to various club locations to meet with alumni and discuss current legal topics and their research.

All alumni are automatically members of their local alumni club. There is no cost to join. Check out the individual club web pages on our new online community by visiting our.northwestern.edu/community/schools/law. We encourage club members to share photos, memories, class notes on these pages.

For more information on alumni clubs or to get involved, please contact Terese Molinaro at terese.molinaro@law.northwestern.edu or 312.503.1793.
Alumni Sworn in to Bar of Supreme Court

Thirty-seven alumni were admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court on March 10 at Northwestern Law’s first-ever swearing-in ceremony.

In front of six justices present—Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Elena Kagan—veteran Supreme Court litigator Carter Phillips (JD ’77) moved that the Northwestern group be admitted.

“For these distinguished members of our alumni community to be sworn in together was truly an extraordinary moment,” Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez said. “I was proud to be there to celebrate the newest members of the Supreme Court bar.”

To be eligible for admission to the Supreme Court bar, an attorney must have been a member in good standing of the highest court of his or her jurisdiction for the previous three years and must submit a completed application form, a certificate of good standing, and signatures of two sponsors who are current members.

These alumni were sworn in to the Supreme Court Bar in March:

- Margit Anderson (JD ’06)
- Michael Anderson (JD ’93)
- Prudence Beidler Carr (JD ’07)
- Gina Bokios (JD-MBA ’99)
- Jiwen Chen (JD ’09)
- Louis Cohen (JD ’81)
- M. Freeman Durham (JD ’83)
- Jane Gale Esser (JD ’83)
- Ryan Ferch (JD ’07)
- John Kloecker (JD ’95)
- Jose Lopez Jr. (JD ’95)
- Aimee Mackay (JD ’02)
- F. Gant McCloud (JD ’03, LLM ’04)
- JoAnna McFadden (JD ’06)
- Michelle McGovern (JD ’08)
- Alan Miller (JD ’68)
- Devan Padmanabhan (JD ’93)

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2013–14 Public Interest Fellows

Many Northwestern Law students want to practice in the public interest law sector when they graduate. There is tremendous demand for talent in this sector, but steadily shrinking budgets have resulted in fewer positions, particularly at the entry level.

To help young alumni pursue their ambitions in public interest law, Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez established the 2013-14 Public Interest Fellowships. Funded by a bequest, the program provided $50,000 to each of four Fellows, all members of the class of 2013, based on projects they designed to provide legal services or advocacy to underrepresented clients at a domestic nonprofit agency. This pilot program evolved into the Jay A. Pritzker Fellowship Program—see full story on page 8. The 2013-14 Public Interest Fellows and their projects are profiled here.

Rebecca Glisan (JD ’13)
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES
San Antonio, Texas

Rebecca Glisan’s heart is in public service. From her work in the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Children and Family Justice Center to her stint with Teach for America to summer jobs as an advocate for low-income children and their families, public interest law has been her focus.

The 2013–14 Public Interest Fellow currently works with Family Violence Prevention Services in San Antonio, Texas, where she specializes in direct representation of children and families; offers outreach, education and advocacy on teen dating violence through “know your rights” presentations. All of her clients, teens and young adults, are victims of domestic violence.

“This experience has intensified my motivation to work in public interest law and is providing me with the skills and knowledge to help me succeed at it,” said Glisan. “It’s so rewarding to serve people who would otherwise go unrepresented and be further marginalized in their lives.”

Glisan’s position helps to fill a growing need in Texas, a state that recently passed numerous legislative measures to address the issue of teen dating violence. At present, only one other attorney in the entire state specializes in providing direct legal services to teen victims, and that attorney is not in San Antonio.

“The feeling that goes with effecting dramatic change in someone’s life is truly unrivaled,” said Glisan.

Dan Ophardt (JD ’13)
TEAMCHILD
Spokane, Washington

Frustration with the justice system is what first fueled Dan Ophardt’s interest in public service. Having seen how the system is skewed so that underserved populations often are not accommodated, he went to law school in order to help people in need.

Ophardt graduated from Northwestern Law and is now in Spokane, Washington, where he works with the nonprofit organization TeamChild. There, supported by his Public Interest Fellowship, he advocates for school-aged children facing disciplinary action and provides legal services for those whose cases progress to the courts. His efforts include involvement with Native American leaders to develop tools to reduce the disproportionate number of teens in their community who are subject to disciplinary measures.

“It is often those who lack resources and cannot advocate for themselves who need the most help,” said Ophardt. “It’s a great feeling to advocate for kids who don’t necessarily have a voice. I’m just glad to be able to give them the help they need to change the course of their lives.”

As a law student, Ophardt worked in the Children and Family Justice Center and the Center for Criminal Defense, settings that stimulated his interest in legal work with juveniles. Now as a fellow with TeamChild, he says he is putting his clinic casework experience to use.

“Because of this fellowship I have the opportunity to work with a great
organization that lacks the means to have many lawyers, though there is definitely a need in the community,” said Ophardt. “I am grateful for the chance to be a part of something great.”

Jane Ehinger (JD ’13)
GREEN-COLLAR COMMUNITIES CLINIC
Berkeley, California

Before entering law school, Jane Ehinger was an architect who focused on urban planning and sustainable green building practices. Through projects to design housing for migrant workers and a green roof garden for Architecture for Humanity, she tapped into a new area of interest: legal aid and advocacy.

At Northwestern Law, the architect-turned-JD-student was drawn to law and social policy, especially once she learned of Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel’s initiative to address “food deserts” on the city’s South Side.

“There were lots of corner stores selling processed, prepackaged foods, but few grocery stores offering fresh produce,” said Ehinger. “It was clear that impoverished communities were without access to healthy foods.”

The concept of food justice became a focus for Ehinger, who undertook research on movements that seek to challenge food disparities in urban areas. Her studies laid a foundation for her current work as a Public Interest Fellow at the Green-Collar Communities Clinic, part of the Berkeley East Bay Community Law Center’s efforts to expand access to healthy food in the low-income area of East Bay, California. The transactional legal services she provides are helping the clinic set up farmers’ markets, local food alliances, food banks and urban farming programs.

She is also involved in advancing legal policy, legislative initiatives and land-use regulations that promote food justice. As Ehinger sees it, “Not having access to healthy, sustainable food speaks to a larger issue of basic quality and fairness.”

Peter Hamann (JD ’13)
CABRINI-GREEN LEGAL AID
Chicago

Peter Hamann’s interest in law dates back to his first job after college. A county prosecutor’s office had hired him to deal with noncustodial and custodial parents embroiled in court proceedings over child support.

“That experience “was a great introduction to the legal realm,” said Hamann, “but in going to law school I wanted to be on the other side of the aisle. I knew I wanted to be an advocate rather than part of a justice system with narrowly limited ways of helping people.”

While a student at Northwestern Law he pursued public interest and advocacy work, participating in the MacArthur Justice Center in the Bluhm Legal Clinic and working on civil rights and criminal defense cases at two small public interest law firms in Chicago.

Hamann now works with Cabrini-Green Legal Aid in Chicago, which serves low-income young people who are arrested and then face suspension or expulsion from school. A focus of his Public Interest Fellowship is the provision of representation for youths in both their criminal and their expulsion cases—a combination of services not readily available in the city. Hamann is also creating comprehensive training materials to assist pro bono attorneys in representing children in these cases.

“One of the nice things about Northwestern Law is that it exposes students to public interest opportunities early and often,” said Hamann. “Though the work is challenging, the looks and words of appreciation from clients exemplify why I’m fortunate to be in public interest law.”
Pearl O’Rourke: Believing in the Brand

After earning an undergraduate degree at Northwestern, Pearl O’Rourke (JD-MBA ’03) was interested in pursuing a graduate degree in business but also appreciated the important role that law plays in most major business dealings. The JD-MBA program proved to be the perfect combination. “I recognized that a law school education greatly shapes the way you think about the world,” said O’Rourke, who is now the director of business development at The Clorox Company. “I came into the program thinking it would be a great foundation in learning to think analytically and understanding the contractual and transactional aspects of business.”

O’Rourke was in the first class of the integrated three-year JD-MBA program, a switch from the earlier four-year track. With her dual degree she has charted a rewarding business career, ranging from investment banking on Wall Street to internal corporate development (mergers and acquisitions) with the Disney Company. In her current position with The Clorox Company, she works closely with the executive team implementing the Company’s long range plan, serving as a liaison to the external marketplace, and strategizing mergers and acquisitions.

“Essentially I am an internal advisor regarding the acquisitions market,” said O’Rourke. “I work with the executive committee to incorporate acquisitions as a vehicle to help drive part of the Company’s overall business strategy.”

In 2011 Clorox expanded its portfolio of leading brands by acquiring three companies: HealthLink, Aplicare, and Soy Vay Enterprises, Inc., makers of Veri Veri Teriyaki. While Clorox Bleach is its heritage namesake brand, the company is the steward of other great brands such as Burt’s Bees, Brita, Kingsford, KC Masterpiece, Fresh Step, Glad, Poett, Mistolin, and Hidden Valley Ranch.

“I have great pride in working at Clorox. It’s always nice to tell people I work at Clorox because everyone has a very positive, personal relationship with our products.”

JD-MBA Alumni

As graduates of a fully integrated cross-disciplinary program, alumni of Northwestern’s JD-MBA program use their joint degrees in a variety of ways. Some have used it to enhance leadership and legal expertise in business, others to gain a solid foundation in management within legal careers. With a solid foundation rooted in academics, analytical skills, and practical insights, the alumni featured here have built interesting and lucrative careers.
proud to be working with a great team to move us into the next 100 years.”

Her legal expertise comes into play in the company’s work with internal and external counsel on contracts, regulatory work, and tax law with regard to mergers and acquisitions. “The knowledge that I gained from my law school classes gives me a solid understanding of the philosophical framework from a policy perspective as well as an overall understanding from both the business and law side,” said O’Rourke. “Aside from the information I learned at Northwestern that has shaped my career, the JD-MBA program is personally still a very big and memorable part of my time in school.”

Thomas Finke: Continuing a Legacy

Following in his father’s footsteps, Thomas Finke (JD-MBA ’92) attended Northwestern Law where he met his wife (then a student at the Kellogg School of Management) while studying in the JD-MBA program. “I joke that my kids owe their lives to Northwestern University,” said Finke. “In addition to serving me well personally, the education I received and Northwestern’s alumni network have been the foundation of my career.”

His JD-MBA degrees have allowed Finke to navigate the legal, business, and academic fields throughout his career. Currently he is the managing director at Axiom, a non-traditional provider of legal services that employs more than 1100 professionals worldwide. Finke started the Chicago office in 2008, and it has grown to over 70 attorneys. Axiom’s clients include over half of the Fortune 100, and it is one of the fastest growing legal services firms in the world.

Finke began his career as an associate at Sidley Austin, and stayed for six years. During the first Internet boom, he transitioned from law to a dot-com career, holding senior-management positions with Classified Ventures LLC, (the owners of cars.com and apartments.com), and the interactive division of Tribune Company.

For the past five years Finke has also served as an adjunct professor at Northwestern Law. “My class is designed to help students, many of whom are JD-MBAs, understand the role of in-house counsel. The goal is that this understanding will make the students more effective lawyers at law firms and enable them to determine whether an in-house career is a potential long-term career path.”

Interacting with current students brings back a lot of great memories for Finke, “Everything about my experience at Northwestern was fabulous, and it’s clear from talking with the JD-MBA students that the quality education, great teachers, students and values of the program back when I attended, remain the foundation of the program today.”

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Ali Wing: Booming Baby Business

Ali Wing’s “25-year love affair with brand marketing” began when she was a student at Lewis and Clark University in Portland, Oregon, home of Nike. The head of the school’s international affairs department, who was also an adviser with Nike, thought Wing had potential with the company and convinced her to work there while going to school. “I fell into business because someone saw my aptitude and I needed to pay the bills,” said Wing (JD-MBA ’97), founder and CEO of the parenting lifestyle brand company Giggle. “This sparked an interest I wasn’t sure existed before and ultimately set the tone for my career.”

Wing stayed with Nike for eight years while planning to continue her graduate education. She researched business schools and law schools and was drawn to the well-rounded aspect of Northwestern’s JD-MBA program, enrolling with the goal of working on the transactional side of business. After graduation she practiced law at Gunderson Dettmer, where she represented growth companies and venture capital and private equity firms in Silicon Valley.

“I immediately valued my dual degree, as I had the ability to understand legal language,” she said. “I had the benefit of a corporate securities law background in a capital world. It was also an advantage to understand how financing structures worked.”

Wing eventually moved to the business side of transactions. “I found myself scrutinizing clients’ business plans, which was technically not my role as a lawyer,” she recalled. Gravitating toward consumer entities and consumer lifestyle companies, she became head of marketing at Gazoontite, an asthma and allergy relief product retailer. The most profitable part of Gazoontite’s business was children’s products. This inspired Wing’s own business venture.

“The idea of Giggle was to build a branded portal to serve as an authoritative resource for new parents. Our company is a one-stop shop for parents to find the best of everything they may need.”

Now nine years old, Giggle is a multichannel retail-catalog and ecommerce business throughout North America. Last fall the company entered into partnership with JC Penney to feature giggleBABY layette and nursery gear, bedding, and toys in more than 500 stores. Wing hopes to keep the company growing globally—it will expand into Canada with a wholesale line this year—and perhaps Asia by year end.
Courtney Armstrong: 
Making It in the Movies

Courtney Armstrong (JD-MBA ‘97) has always had a love for film, but when choosing his career, he didn’t expect to play a vital role in getting motion pictures to the big screen. Now, as executive vice president of business affairs for Warner Brothers Motion Pictures, he still finds it “surreal” to be paid to “talk about movies all day.”

Armstrong, who entered law school with an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, aspired to a career in patent and copyright law. An internship with the US Department of Justice changed his course and led him to the JD-MBA program.

“When I returned to law school after my internship, I was really confused and unsure of what I wanted to do. I just knew that patent and copyright law was no longer my path,” said Armstrong. “I wanted to have as many options as possible after graduation, which is what prompted me to pursue dual degrees. My degrees in law and business have been a perfect blend for the direction I took.” Armstrong has worked on both the business and the legal sides throughout his career.

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He got his start in the motion picture business as an associate on the entertainment and litigation team at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP in Los Angeles. Next, he spent three years as an attorney in the business and legal affairs department of the motion picture group at Walt Disney Pictures.

His career path led to a seat at the negotiating table at Warner Brothers, where he is responsible for hammering out agreements with filmmakers, talent, and all other relevant participants in the company’s film projects.

The studio, according to Armstrong, produces 18 to 22 movies a year—a “pretty ambitious slate compared with other studios.” At any time he is negotiating four or five production deals that must be settled before filming can begin. Negotiations involve compensation, credits, perks, cameos, and other matters. He most recently worked on the Chris Nolan Batman series, Man of Steel, and The Lego Movie.

“Team building, negotiating, and contract resolution are all skills that I learned at Northwestern and have honed professionally,” said Armstrong, now a member of the Northwestern Law Board.

The dual-degree program was in its formative stages when Armstrong was a student, and he remembers there were only four students in each of his classes. Although shuttling back and forth between the Evanston campus for his management classes and the Chicago campus for his law classes “was difficult to manage at times,” he said, “I had a wonderful support system in the Northwestern Law faculty. Professors [Joyce] Hughes, [Len] Rubinowitz, and [Tom] Geraghty influenced me and inspired me to really follow my dreams, and that has shaped my career.”
All Alumni Weekend  
September 27–28, 2013

More than 500 alumni and guests returned to campus September 27-28 to take part in Northwestern Law’s inaugural All Alumni Weekend, the Law School’s biggest and best celebration of alumni and the Law School community.

The event schedule for Friday featured a conversation with Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez about what’s new at the Law School, an open house in the Bluhm Legal Clinic, and a reception in the Atrium for the entire Law School community including alumni, faculty, and current students. Special interest panels on Friday included the Women’s Leadership Coalition Alumnae Panel; “The History of the Law Through Rare Books,” a discussion led by Professor Emily Kadens, who shared some of her favorite examples from the Law Library’s extensive rare book collection; and “Tax Ethics in the Controversy Context: Examination, Appeals, and Litigation,” a panel discussion focused on ethical issues in tax practice.

Programming for all alumni continued on Saturday morning, including a Supreme Court Roundup, which reviewed important decisions from the 2013 term; a discussion about entrepreneurship, moderated by Esther Barron (JD ’95); a panel discussion featuring prominent alumni entitled “The Business of Professional Sports”; and an overview of the all the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s accomplishments in the last year.

In addition to these panels and conversations, the Law School hosted a family friendly picnic, a casual cookout in the courtyard complete with music and kids’ activities.

All Northwestern Law alumni are invited and warmly encouraged to celebrate All Alumni Weekend, September 19–20. Reconnect with friends and faculty, participate in special programming, and see how the Law School has evolved over the years.

Additional events will be held for this year’s reunion classes: 1964, 1969, 174, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and—new this year—the Class of 2013 will celebrate their One-Year Reunion. This year’s Reunion Grand Celebration will be held at one of Chicago’s most beloved landmarks, the iconic Walnut Room at Macy’s on State Street.
Dean Daniel B. Rodriguez honored six outstanding alumni and one law firm for their professional and personal achievements and dedication to the school at the first annual Northwestern Law Alumni Awards ceremony. Held at the University Club on September 27 as part of All Alumni Weekend, the luncheon ceremony brought together more than 120 alumni, faculty, administrators, families, and friends.

“These awards give us an opportunity to acknowledge the significant impact our esteemed alumni make, not only on the Law School but also in the legal and business communities as well,” Rodriguez said.

Howard J. Trienens (JD ’49) and Newton N. Minow (JD ’50)—trustees of the University and long-time friends—each received a Distinguished Alumnus Award for extraordinary contributions to the legal field and the school over six decades. The Honorable Dalveer Bhandari (LLM ’72) received the International Alumni Award for career achievements. Terri Mascherin (JD ’84) received the Volunteer Service Award for exceptional ongoing commitment to the school. Suneel Gupta (JD-MBA ’08) received the Emerging Leader Award, recognizing a graduate of the last 10 years for significant career achievement. Alexander Kerr (JD ’68) accepted the Public Service Award on behalf of his aunt, the late Dawn Clark Netsch (JD ’52); in the future this award will be called the “Dawn Clark Netsch Award.” Jeffrey Hammes (JD ’85), chairman of Kirkland & Ellis, accepted the Dean’s Partnership Award in recognition of the firm’s collaboration and investment in the future with the Law School.

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Howard J. Trienens (BBA ’45; JD ’49)
After law school Trienens joined the firm Sidley Austin as an associate. One year later he moved to Washington, DC, to serve a two-year term as law clerk to US Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred Vinson. He returned to Sidley Austin in 1952, where he became partner in 1956 and served as chair of the executive committee from 1977 to 1993.

A member of Northwestern’s Board of Trustees since 1967, Trienens served as chair from 1986 to 1995. In 1995 he received an honorary degree from the University. In 1989 partners of Sidley Austin honored Trienens’s service to the firm and Northwestern by endowing a professorship in his name and establishing the Howard J. Trienens Visiting Judicial Scholar Program, which brings a leading jurist to the Law School to lecture and discuss contemporary legal issues with students and faculty.

Newton N. Minow (BSSP ’49; JD ’50)
Minow is senior counsel in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin, where he was a partner from 1965 to 1991. He also serves as Singapore’s honorary consul general in Chicago.

Minow was a law clerk to US Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred Vinson and assistant counsel to Illinois Governor Adlai E. Stevenson. He was chair of the Federal Communications Commission (appointed by President John F. Kennedy) and chair and director of PBS. He cochaired the 1976 and 1980 presidential debates.

The Walter Annenberg Professor Emeritus at Northwestern University, Minow has authored four books and numerous professional journal and magazine articles. A life trustee of Northwestern, he holds honorary degrees from the University and more than 10 other institutions.

Justice Dalveer Bhandari (LLM ’72)
As a student at Northwestern Law, Bhandari worked at the Legal Assistance Clinic, appearing in Chicago courts on behalf of clients. In 1973 he toured legal aid and clinical legal education programs in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, and Sri Lanka on an international fellowship promoting legal education.
Following his return to India, he took up law practice in the Rajasthan High Court. He shifted his practice to Delhi in 1977 and was a Supreme Court lawyer until 1991, when he was elevated to judge of the High Court of Delhi, where he served more than 13 years.

In 2004 he was appointed chief justice of the Bombay High Court, India’s equivalent to a state supreme court in the United States. In 2005 he was elevated to the Supreme Court of India, where he served as a senior judge until 2012. Since then he has been a member of the International Court of Justice, the United Nations’ primary judicial branch, located in The Hague, Netherlands.

Volunteer Service Award

Terri Mascherin (JD ’84)

A partner at Jenner & Block specializing in commercial litigation, Mascherin is an advocate for pro-bono work. She jumped at the opportunity to work pro bono on a death penalty case not long after starting her career. That case, along with her interest in criminal law, led to her long-term commitment to death penalty cases. Her work alongside the Center on Wrongful Convictions’ team has been instrumental in the exoneration of many wrongfully convicted death-row inmates.

Mascherin has a long history of service to Northwestern Law on reunion committees, the Law School Fund board, the Center on Wrongful Convictions advisory board, and the Dean’s Search Committee. She has volunteered as a Moot Court judge for years, helping students refine their legal skills. An active Law Board member since 2000, Mascherin chaired the board from 2006 to 2008. Most recently she agreed to cochair the newly founded Bluhm Legal Clinic advisory board.

Public Service Award

Dawn Clark Netsch (BA ’48, JD ’52)

A professor of law emerita at Northwestern Law at the time of her death in 2013, Netsch left an indelible mark in politics and law in a long career filled with firsts.

Netsch served as an Illinois state senator for 18 years. When she was elected state comptroller in 1990, she became the highest-ranked woman in Illinois government and the first elected to state constitutional executive office. She again made history in 1994 as the first woman candidate of a major political party for governor of Illinois.

An expert on constitutional law, Netsch was Northwestern Law’s first female faculty member when she joined the faculty in 1965. She remained active in political and social causes until the end of her life, serving on nonprofit boards and continuing to champion the issues important to her.

Emerging Leader Award

Suneel Gupta (JD-MBA ’08)

Before coming to Northwestern, Gupta worked as a senior consultant in strategy and information technology at Accenture. As a student at Northwestern, he founded Neurologic, a company that invented and patented a medical device to improve the effectiveness of deep-brain-stimulation procedures and licensed the device to a leading medical manufacturer.

Following graduation Gupta was director of product development at Mozilla Firefox, working on building Personas, a Firefox add-on that has been downloaded more than 10 million times. In 2009 he took his talents to a then-little-known company called Groupon, joining as the first head of product development. He was part of a team that helped the small private start-up grow to a large public company; Groupon issued its initial public offering in November 2011.

Most recently Gupta founded and is CEO of the technology company RISE, which aims to use technology to help solve the obesity epidemic.

Dean’s Partnership Award

Kirkland & Ellis

One of the country’s leading law firms, Kirkland & Ellis continues to build on its ongoing collaboration with the Law School. The firm is a leading employer of Northwestern graduates, and more than 100 Northwestern Law alumni are associates and partners. The firm also sponsors student organizations and programs at the school. The professorship it endowed in 1989 is currently held by Professor David Dana. Last year the firm made a $5 million commitment to the school that is largely unrestricted, but it will endow a JD-MBA scholarship. This leadership gift is helping to provide much-needed resources to increase financial aid and reduce the debt burden on students, as well as to recruit and retain faculty and support innovative initiatives and legal scholarship.

The 2013 Northwestern Law Alumni Award recipients, from left: Justice Dalveer Bhandari (LLM ’72), Howard J. Trienens (JD ’49), Jeffrey Hammes (JD ’85) (on behalf of Kirkland & Ellis), Newton N. Minow (JD ’50), Suneel Gupta (JD-MBA ’08), Terri Mascherin (JD ’84), Alexander Kerr (JD ’68) (on behalf of Dawn Clark Netsch (JD ’52))
Class Notes

1950s

Donald U. Beimdiek (JD ’54), who retired from his post as senior counsel at Armstrong Teasdale in summer 2013, was featured in the St. Louis Business Journal article “St. Louis Character: 84 and Nowhere Near Retired” last November.

Merton E. Marks (JD ’56) joined Gordon & Rees as of counsel in its Phoenix office.

1960s

William P. Kreml (JD ’65), distinguished professor emeritus of political science at the University of South Carolina, published The Bias of Temperament in American Politics. Steven E. Wollack (JD ’66) was elected to the board of directors of CME Group.

L. Edward Bryant Jr. (JD ’67) was honored by Loyola University School of Law, which named its annual Health Transactions Competition after him.

Simeon R. Acoba Jr. (JD ’69) retired from his position as an associate justice on the Hawaii Supreme Court in February.

1970s

George W. Connelly Jr. (JD ’70) was listed among Texas Super Lawyers for 2013.

Howard A. Tullman (JD ’70) was appointed to the board of directors at vehicle telematics company Vehcon Inc. and was named CEO of 1871, a Chicago-based hub for technology entrepreneurs.

Justice Dalveer Bhandari (LLM ’72) was awarded a Padma Bhushan Award for distinguished service of high order. Conferred by the President of India, Padma Awards are the country’s highest civilian awards.

G. Ross Bridgman (JD ’73) was included on this year’s Ohio Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” list.

Gerald W. Grandey (JD ’73) was appointed to the board of directors of Rare Element Resources.

Scott A. Bremer (JD ’75) was listed among this year’s Illinois Super Lawyers.

James Mark Doyle (JD ’75) was appointed a visiting fellow at the National Institute of Justice, the Department of Justice’s research and development agency, where he is leading a Sentinel Events Initiative.

David L. Lee (JD ’77) was elected president of the National Employment Lawyers Association last summer.

Robert C. Knuepfner Jr. (JD ’78) received Hungary’s Order of Merit with Officer’s Cross, the government’s highest award, last November.

Ruben Castillo (JD ’79) was the keynote speaker at the Puerto Rican Bar Association’s 19th Annual Scholarship Banquet.

Robert C. Ryan (JD ’79) was included in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Sidney I. Schenkier (JD ’79) was appointed to a one-year term as president of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association.

1980s

Marsha Hoover (JD ’80) was elected partner at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun.

Kenneth R. Nowakowski (JD ’80), a shareholder in the Milwaukee office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, was named by Best Lawyers as a 2014 “Lawyer of the Year” in the practice area of banking and finance litigation.

Sharon Y. Bowen (JD-MBA ’82) was nominated by President Barack Obama to be commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Ross B. D. Buchanan (JD ’82) was appointed a district court judge in the Second Judicial District by Colorado governor John Hickenlooper.

Joseph P. Kubarek (JD ’82) was named to the “2014 Woodward White” list of Best Lawyers in America in the practice areas of corporate, corporate compliance law, securities/capital markets law and securities regulation.

Elizabeth G. Nowakowski (JD ’82) was selected for inclusion in this year’s Best Lawyers in America.

Linda Fleisher Friedman (JD ’83) joined the board of the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization.

Simon H. S. Dodds (JD ’84) was promoted to co-deputy general counsel at Deutsche Bank.

Terri Mascherin (JD ’84) was inducted into the American Council of Trial Lawyers.

William M. Libit (JD ’85) was promoted to chief operating partner at Chapman and Cutler.

Susan E. Wheatley (JD ’86) was selected for inclusion in this year’s Best Lawyers in America.

Susanne D. DiPietro (JD ’87) was appointed executive director of the Alaska Judicial Council.

Robert F. Messerly (JD ’87) was included in the 2013 Chambers USA directory for his work in real estate law.

Lori S. Nugent (JD ’87) accepted an invitation to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

James J. Oh (JD ’87) was appointed to the board of directors at Littler Mendelson.

Jeffrey K. Speer (JD ’87) was selected for inclusion in this year’s Best Lawyers in America.

Alumni Honored for their Commitment to Public Service

Lawrence Marshall (JD ’85), Sharon Weitzman Soltman (JD ’83), and Sheldon Zennier (JD ’78) were honored for their dedication to public interest law at the Law School’s 11th Annual SFPIF Public Service Dinner on April 3.

Marshall is a professor at Stanford Law School, where until 2013 he served as associate dean of clinical education and David and Stephanie Mills Director of the Mills Legal Clinic. He is also cofounder of the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Center on Wrongful Convictions.

An advocate on behalf of school children, Soltman served as class counsel in the landmark Corey H. lawsuit that charged Chicago Public Schools with illegally segregating special education students.

Zennier is a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman, where he has worked since 1989. Prior to that, he worked for eight years in the criminal division of the US Attorney’s Office.

Three young alumni, Ashley Fretthold (JD ’08), Angelica Lopez (JD ’09), and Gregory Swygert (JD ’03), were also recognized at the event for their contributions to public service law.

The Public Service Benefit Dinner is a fundraiser organized by the Student Funded Public Interest Fellowship (SFPIF) to provide Len Rubinowitz Public Interest Fellowship grants for law students who work in otherwise unpaid public interest jobs over the summer. Last summer SFPIF was able to distribute grants to 51 law students, enabling them to pursue a wide variety of summer positions in public interest and public service sectors.
Tallman Appointed to Surveillance Court

Richard Tallman (JD ‘78) has been appointed a judge of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review by Chief Justice John Roberts Jr.

Tallman, of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, joins William C. Bryson (Federal Circuit) and Jose A. Cabranes (Second Circuit) on the three-member surveillance appeals court, which reviews the decisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. Appeals from the Court of Review go to the Supreme Court.

The FISA Court is made up of 11 district judges who review applications from Department of Justice attorneys and intelligence agencies for court orders of investigations under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

Tallman’s seven-year term began in January. He will remain on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Before his appointment to the Ninth Circuit in 2000, Tallman was an attorney in private practice in Seattle for 17 years, including chair of the white-collar criminal defense practice group at the former Bogle and Gates law firm.

After that firm closed, Tallman formed Tallman & Severin, whose clients include baseball’s Seattle Mariners.

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Nicholas I. Fink (JD ’99) was selected as one of “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business” by Chambers USA.

Edward B. Niestat (JD-MBA ‘93) joined AlixPartners, a global business advisory firm, as a managing director.
Victor K. Sapphire (JD-MBA ’99) joined Michelman & Robinson as a partner in its Los Angeles office.

Felix Shafir (JD ’99), a partner at Horvitz & Levy, was recognized as one of California's top labor and employment attorneys by the legal newspaper the Daily Journal.

2000s

Adnan A. Arain (JD ’00) joined Alliant Insurance Services as a broker and vice president in the firm’s Chicago office.

Daniel T. Fahner (JD ’00) joined Edwards Wildman Palmer as a partner in its litigation department.

Michelle Hayden Bomberger (JD-MBA ’01) accepted the King County (Washington) Executive’s Woman Small Business of the Year award on behalf of the firm she founded in 2005, Equinox Business Law Group.

Evelyn J. Meltzer (JD ’01) serves as chair of the Delaware chapter of the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and was recently named vice programs director in charge of regional programming for the national IWIRC board.

Malte Franz Alexander Richter (LLM ’01) was promoted to counsel at Mayer Brown.

Charity M. Guthrie (JD ’02) was promoted to counsel in Latham & Watkins’ Orange County, California, office.

Christopher L. LaVigne (JD ’02) was named a partner with HunterMaclean’s corporate practice group in Savannah, Georgia.

Matthew Fortney (JD ’06) was recognized by the Wisconsin Law Journal as an “Up-and-Coming Lawyer.”

Annalise Buth (JD ’07) joined the law firm of Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a litigation associate.

Ryan Ferch (JD ’07) accepted a position as assistant attorney general in the Appeals Division in the office of Massachusetts attorney general Martha Coakley.

Sonya Jindal (LLM Tax ’07) was elected to the board of directors of the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.
Zhi Lin (LLM/K ’07) was appointed to the board of directors of Great Resources Holdings.

Marcos Moreno (LLM ’08) joined Orocuro Mining, headquartered in Santiago, Chile, as the firm’s legal counsel and company secretary.

Rebekah Scheinfeld (JD-MBA ’08) was appointed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to be commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation.

David King (JD ’09) and his wife welcomed their first child in January.

Leigh Rovzar (JD-MBA ’09) accepted a position as vice president of Magnitude Capital.

Edilsa Ruiz (JD ’09) joined Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri as an associate.

Katherine Carlson Wax (JD ’09) was elected to the board of trustees at the Pratt Fine Arts Center in Seattle.

2010s

Vipul Kumar (JD ’10) joined the San Francisco office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo.

Michael S. Rhinehart (JD ’10) was named to this year’s Illinois Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” list.

Vincent Angermeier (JD ’11) joined Quarles & Brady as an associate in the commercial litigation group.

Brandon J. Kennedy (JD ’11) and his wife, Susan, welcomed daughter Eleanor Frances Kennedy last July 19.

Andrew George Pery (MSL ’11) joined ReadSoft as chief marketing officer.

Craig Schwartz (JD ’11) married Melissa Adelman last September 1.

Colleen Balek (JD ’13) joined Barnes & Thornburg as an attorney in the litigation department of the firm’s Chicago office.

Andrew S. Fraker (JD ’13) joined Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg in its intellectual property and technology transactions practice.

Kelly Hollingsworth (JD ’13) joined Warner Norcross & Judd as an attorney.

Lorin Jenkins (JD ’13) was appointed as a Cook County assistant state’s attorney.

Rebecca Oyen (JD ’13) married Joshua Benesh last December 15.

John Riordan (JD ’13) joined Pircher, Nichols & Meeks as an associate.

This list reflects information received by the Office of Alumni Relations and Development as of January 31, 2014.

In Memoriam

Northwestern University School of Law extends its heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of recently deceased alumni, faculty, and friends.

1930s

Brantly Chappell (BSL ’36)

1940s

Ralph E. Stouffer Jr. (JD ’41)

Leonard Cottone (JD ’44)

Theodore A. Groenke (JD ’47)

Charles B. Olds (JD ’49)

Earl D. Yaffe (JD ’49)

1950s

Emery Dean Curlee (JD ’50)

John R. Lavery (JD ’50)

Granvil I. Specks (JD ’50)

Edward V. Donovan Jr. (JD ’51)

Hon. James A. von der Heydt (JD ’51)

Hon. Alvin Liebling (JD ’52)

Sheldon P. Miller (JD ’52)

Don H. Reuben (JD ’52)

Bud G. Bernard (JD ’54)

David L. Fargo (JD ’54)

Stanley H. Jakala (JD ’54)

Richard G. Moore (JD ’54)

Mort Resnick (JD ’54)

William E. Good (JD ’55)

Robert S. Atkins (JD ’56)

Robert E. Mason (JD ’57)

James A. Chatz (JD ’58)

1960s

Marvin S. Helfand (JD ’60)

Byron S. Delman (JD ’61)

Ernest L. Wojcik (JD ’61)

Richard V. Burns (LLM ’63)

David Thomas

Jackson-Swider (JD ’66)

William M. Wycoff (JD ’66)

Douglas D. McBroom (LLM ’69)

1970s

Richard F. Thorsen (JD ’71)

Stanley C. Feldman (JD ’72)

Curtis J. Wilder (JD ’72)

Susan J. P lacek (JD ’74)

1980s

Elroy C. Sandquist III (JD ’81)

Teri Zenner Toig (JD ’83)

Vladimir Gastevic Jr. (JD ’85)

Caroline M. Lutz (JD ’87)

2000s

Meredith L. Nathanson (JD ’03)

Laurence D. Nee (JD ’03)

Don H. Reuben (JD ’52), valedictorian of his Law School class and longtime member of Northwestern’s Board of Trustees, died February 3 at age 85. During a 65-year legal career, Mr. Reuben became one of Chicago’s most prominent First Amendment lawyers, litigating or serving as counsel on more than 700 libel and First Amendment cases. He represented major media organizations, including Time, Look, Life, the Los Angeles Times, the Wall Street Journal, and ABC, CBS, and NBC broadcast outlets. In 1978 he established his own firm, Reuben & Proctor, which merged with Isham, Lincoln and Beale in 1989. Mr. Reuben left Chicago to live in Rancho Mirage, California, in 1990.

In addition to studying law, Mr. Reuben did his undergraduate work at Northwestern, graduating from the then School of Commerce in 1949. A passionate supporter of the University and the Law School, Mr. Reuben was elected to the University’s Board of Trustees in 1977 and became a life trustee in 1990. He was also a member of the Law Board. In 2002 the University awarded him the Alumni Merit Medal.

Teri Zenner Toig (JD ’83), an alumna of both the Law School and the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (BA ’80), died February 24 at age 55. Ms. Toig founded Zenner Consulting Group, a legal recruiting firm, in 1987. Over the years the firm has connected top Northwestern Law students with promising career opportunities. Ms. Toig and her Zenner colleagues conducted countless mock interviews each year with JD and LLM students. She also established Zenner grants, which provide support for bar review courses and exam fees to members of the graduating class who are interested in public interest law. Ms. Toig was a member of Law Board, having served since 2006, and on last year’s 30th Reunion Committee.
The Case Against Early Voting

BY EUGENE KONTOROVICH AND JOHN MCGINNIS

This article was originally published in Politico magazine on January 28.

To the delight of anyone who’s ever waited in line to cast a vote, a bipartisan election commission convened by President Barack Obama concluded last week that states across the country should increase their use of early voting.

As the Presidential Commission on Election Administration notes in its new report, “no excuse” early voting — meaning it is open even to those who don’t qualify for an absentee ballot — has grown rapidly in recent decades in what the commission called a “quiet revolution.” In the 2012 election, almost one-third of ballots were cast early — more than double those cast in 2000 — and 32 states now permit the practice, allowing citizens to vote an average of 19 days before Election Day.

The commission rightly notes that early voting has its advantages for individual voters — not just avoiding long lines, but in many cases also getting to vote on weekends without having to miss work or school. But early voting run amok is bad for democracy. The costs to collective self-governance — which the report refers to only in passing, in a single sentence — substantially outweigh the benefits. Instead of expanding the practice, we should use this moment as an opportunity to establish clear limits on it before it becomes the norm.

Why? For all its conveniences, early voting threatens the basic nature of citizen choice in democratic, republican government. In elections, candidates make competing appeals to the people and provide them with the information necessary to be able to make a choice. Citizens also engage with one another, debating and deliberating about the best options for the country. Especially in an age of so many nonpolitical distractions, it is important to preserve the space of a general election campaign — from the early kickoff rallies to the last debates in October — to allow voters to think through, together, the serious issues that face the nation.

The integrity of that space is broken when some citizens cast their ballots as early as 46 days before the election, as some states allow. A lot can happen in those 46 days. Early voters are, in essence, asked a different set of questions from later ones; they are voting with a different set of facts. They may cast their ballots without the knowledge that comes from later candidate debates (think of the all-important Kennedy-Nixon debates, which ran from late September 1960 until late October); without further media scrutiny of candidates; or without seeing how they respond to unexpected national or international news events — the proverbial “October surprise.” The 2008 election, for example, could have ended differently had many voters cast their ballots before the massive economic crisis that followed the collapse of Lehman Brothers that September. Similarly, candidates often seek to delay the release of embarrassing information, or the implementation of difficult policies, until after votes have been cast. A wave of votes starting months before the election date makes this easier.

Early voting not only limits the set of information available to voters; to the extent that it decreases the importance of debates, it might also systematically help incumbents and quasi-incumbents like vice presidents, who generally have the advantage of having been in the public eye longer.

More fundamentally, early voting changes what it means to vote. It is well known that voters can change their minds — polls always go up and down during a campaign season. A single Election Day creates a focal point that gives solemnity and relevance to the state of popular opinion at a particular moment in time; on a single day, we all have to come down on one side or the other. But if the word “election” comes to mean casting votes over a period of months, it will elide the difference between elections and polls. People will be able to vote when the mood strikes them — after seeing an inflammatory ad, for example. Voting then becomes an incoherent summing of how various individuals feel at a series of moments, not how the nation feels at a particular moment. This weakens civic cohesiveness, and it threatens to substitute raw preferences and momentary opinion for rational deliberation. Of course, those eager to cast early will be the most ideological — but these are precisely the voters who would benefit most from taking in the full back and forth of the campaign.

Moreover, there are other ways of achieving some of the benefits of early voting, such as old-fashioned absentee ballots or setting up more polling places. Even a limited few-days-early voting period could convey most of the advantages of the practice while limiting the most severe democratic costs.

Early voting is a matter of degree: Even Election “Day” lets people cast ballots at different times. But at the moment, there is no upper bound at all on the growing practice, and the president’s commission made no mention of such an option. With the group’s report opening a new round of discussion over voting policy, now is the time to consider whether the “quiet revolution” of early voting has gone too far.
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